

MINUTES
OF THE
SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
AT THEIR
SESSIONS IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
AT
CHESTERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA,
NOVEMBER, 1856:
WITH
AN APPENDIX.



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SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

FIRST SESSION.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHESTER, }
Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1856, 7 o'clock, P.M. }

THE Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Chester, on Wednesday, Nov. 5th, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. G. C. Gregg, from Acts, xx: 28—"Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Constituted with prayer.

Upon calling the roll, the following persons were found to be

PRESENT:

Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTERS.—A. D. Montgomery, T. L. McBryde, David Wills, A. A. Morse, T. A. Hoyt, J. O. Lindsay, Robert McLees.

RULING ELDERS.—F. E. Harrison, Good Hope, and Roberts; Chancellor Job Johnston, Aveleigh; A. M. Hamilton, Carmel; Carver Randall, Hopewell, (Pendleton); Isaac Carlile, Providence and Rocky River; A. O. Norris, Anderson C. H.; J. P. Watts, Liberty Spring; T. C. Perrin, Upper Long Cane; M. O. Talman, Hopewell; James McKelvy, Lodimont.

Presbytery of Bethel.

MINISTERS.—J. L. R. Davies, J. R. Gilland, W. Banks, J. R. Baird, J. E. White, W. J. McCormick, J. G. Richards.

RULING ELDERS.—W. L. Brown, Beersheba ; F. A. Erwin, Bethesda ; James Simril, Allison's Creek ; W. Wylie, Catholic and Pleasant Grove ; James Carlisle, Concord and Mount Olivet ; J. S. Barnett, Ebenezer ; H. C. Brawley, Purity ; J. M. Ross, Yorkville ; J. E. Grier, Zion.

Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.—W. Brearley, T. R. English, P. Pierson, J. Brown, M. D. Fraser, P. E. Bishop, G. C. Gregg, D. E. Frierson, J. A. Wallace, W. W. Wilson, A. E. Chandler, S. H. Hay, E. P. Palmer, A. L. Crawford, G. W. Boggs, James Douglass, J. A. Cousar.

RULING ELDERS.—J. A. Salters, Williamsburg ; James McCutchen, Indiantown ; M. P. Mayes, Salem (B. R.) ; W. T. Wilson, Hopewell ; S. G. Barclay, Scion ; E. R. Plowden, Brewington and Harmony ; A. S. Bowie, Little Pee Dee ; W. E. James, Darlington ; J. A. Inglis, Cheraw ; L. B. Prince, Great Pee Dee and Bennettsville ; J. G. McIntosh, Lynchburg.

Charleston Presbytery.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Leland, D.D., Edward Palmer, I. S. K. Legare, J. H. Thornwell, D.D., John Douglas, Edwin Cater, B. M. Palmer, D.D., R. A. Mickle, W. B. Corbett, W. Baird.

RULING ELDERS.—W. Harral, Glebe-Street Church, Charleston ; T. A. Elliott, M.D., Orangeburg.

ABSENT :

Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Ross, D. Humphreys, W. Carlile, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, J. F. Gibert, W. McWhorter, W. H. Davis, S. Donnelly, C. B. Stewart, Z. L. Holmes, John McLees, S. S. Gaillard, J. C. Williams, Joseph Gibert, J. B. Hillhouse, R. H. Reid, E. F. Hyde.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—Mt. Zion, Midway, Broadway, Pickens C. H., Mt. Tabor, Lebanon, Bethia, Nazareth (B. D.), Retreat, Richland, Bethel, Willington, Rocky Spring, Friendship, Fairview, New Harmony, Duncan's Creek, Rock, Washington-Street, Greenville, Bethany, Nazareth, Laurens C. H., Little River, Little Mountain, Varennis, Smyrna, Tugulo, Spartanburg C. H., North Pacolet, Mt. Calvary, Warrior's Creek, Antioch, Mt. Bethel, Gilder's Creek, Bethesda, Clinton.

Presbytery of Bethel.

MINISTERS.—S. L. Watson, J. M. H. Adams, J. H. Saye, L. W. Curtis, J. M. Anderson, A. A. James.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—Bethel, Bullock's Creek, Cane Creek, Cedar Shoal, Fishing Creek, Fairforest, Hopewell, Lancasterville, Salem, Shiloh, Six Mile Creek, Unionville, Unity, Waxhaw.

Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.—J. Harrington, J. L. Wilson, W. M. Reid, D. McQueen, J. C. Coit, A. Bui, A. D. Campbell, G. Morgan.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—Camden, Lebanon, Salem, (L. R.), Horeb, Aimwell, Midway, Mt. Zion, Beaver Creek, Reedy Creek, Sumter, Concord, Bishopville, Pisgah, Hephzibah, Marion C. H., Carolina, Liberty Hill, White Oak, Pine Tree.

Charleston Presbytery.

MINISTERS.—W. S. Lee, R. Post, D.D., G. Howe, D.D., John Forrest, D.D., T. Smyth, D.D., J. B. Adger, D.D., James Stratton, W. B. Yates, W. C. Dana, Ferdinand Jacobs, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., T. H. Legare, J. B. Dunwody, D. X. Lafar, J. L. Girardeau, A. F. Dickson, James Cohen, B. E. Lanneau, J. R. Dow, M. D. Wood.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—2d Church, Charleston; Central Church, Charleston; James Island, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Wilton, 1st Church, Columbia; Barnwell, Walterborough, Beech Island, Stoney Creek.

Upon completing the roll, Synod proceeded to the election of officers.

The Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., was elected Moderator, and the Rev. William Banks, Temporary Clerk, with the Rev. Edward P. Palmer as Assistant Clerk.

It was announced by the Rev. J. E. White, Pastor of the Church, that the funeral service over the remains of Maj. Henry, one of the Elders, would be held on the following morning, at 10 o'clock; and, on his motion, it was

Resolved, That the service be attended by the Synod. The Rev. Dr. Leland and the Rev. Messrs. Douglas and Banks were appointed to conduct the same.

Synod then adjourned, to meet the next morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, Nov. 6th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last session were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Leland, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting be dispensed with, and printed copies of the same distributed.

The Rev. B. E. Lanneau appeared and rendered a satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

On Bills and Overtures.—*Ministers*—G. C. Gregg, T. L. McBryde, D.D., J. R. Gilland. *Ruling Elders*—S. G. Barclay, W. Wylie.

Judicial Committee.—*Ruling Elders*—Chancellor Job Johnston, J. A. Inglis, T. C. Perrin. *Ministers*—T. R. English, J. L. R. Davies.

Financial Committee.—*Ruling Elders*—W. Harral, A. O. Norris, J. P. Watts.

On the Narrative.—*Ministers*—S. H. Hay, A. D. Montgomery. *Ruling Elder*—T. A. Erwin.

On Religious Exercises.—*Ministers*—J. E. White, A. L. Crawford. *Ruling Elder*—H. C. Brawley.

On Minutes of the Assembly.—*Ministers*—Edwin Cater, D. E. Frier-son. *Ruling Elder*—C. Randell.

The following Committees were appointed on Presbyterian Records:

South Carolina Presbytery.—*Ministers*—John Douglas, W. W. Wilson. *Ruling Elder*—J. M. Ross.

Bethel Presbytery.—*Ministers*—J. A. Wallace, E. Palmer. *Ruling Elder*—E. R. Plowden.

Harmony Presbytery.—*Ministers*—A. W. Leland, D.D., T. A. Hoyt. *Ruling Elder*—T. A. Elliot, M.D.

Charleston Presbytery.—*Ministers*—A. A. Morse, J. Brown. *Ruling Elder*—F. E. Harrison.

The Rev. Messrs. T. R. English, P. Pierson, and I. S. K. Legare, rendered satisfactory excuses for absence from the last annual meeting of Synod. Satisfactory reasons for not being represented at the same, were offered by Midway, Williamsburg, Lynchburg, Brewington and Harmony, Great Pee Dee, and Orangeburg churches.

The Rev. Messrs. A. D. Campbell, W. M. Reid, J. L. Kennedy, J. C. Coit, S. S. Gaillard, D. McQueen, and J. C. Williams, rendered excuses

for absence from the present sessions of Synod, which were sustained; and Midway, Horeb and Varennis churches assigned satisfactory reasons for non-representation at the same.

A Reference from the Charleston Presbytery, with the accompanying documents, was received, and on motion of the Rev. Dr. Leland, its consideration was made the order of the day for 3½ o'clock, P.M.

The hour having arrived for the funeral service of Maj. Henry, Synod recessed from business to attend the same.

When the house was again called to order, the Rev. Messrs. S. L. Watson and J. M. H. Adams, and Col. W. W. Walkup, Ruling Elder from Six Mile Creek Church, J. W. Simpson, M.D., from Laurens, Jos. Adams from Bethel, E. R. Mills from Fishing Creek, and W. White from Bullock's Creek, appeared and rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness.

The Rev. Messrs. R. W. Brice, R. A. Ross, and L. McDonald, of the Associate Reformed Synod, the Rev. Mr. Hinton of the Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Wood and the Rev. W. E. Schenck of the Synod of Philadelphia, and the Rev. H. I. Coe of the Synod of St. Louis, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A petition from sundry members of the Williamsburg church was presented and read, asking Synod to transfer the churches of Williamsburg District, or at least the church of Williamsburg, to the Charleston Presbytery. On motion of Dr. Leland, it was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Gregg and Crawford, with Ruling Elder W. E. James.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was presented, read, and on motion of the Rev. E. Cater, was referred to a committee consisting of two members of each Presbytery, viz: Messrs. Cater and Elliott of Charleston Presbytery, English and Inglis of Harmony Presbytery, Adams and Barnet of Bethel Presbytery, and Wills and Simpson of South Carolina Presbytery.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University was presented, read, and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Leland, the Rev. W. Brearley and Ruling Elder T. C. Perrin.

The Stated Clerk presented the account for the publication of the Minutes of Synod, which was read and referred to the Financial Committee.

It was made the order of the day, for 9½ o'clock on Friday Morning, to hear the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

It was *Resolved*, That Synod hold its next annual meeting in the

Presbyterian Church at Laurens C. H., on the Wednesday before the third Sabbath of October, 1857, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

A communication, purporting to be a Complaint, was received from the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, which, on motion of the Rev. E. Cater, was referred to the Judicial Committee.

On motion of Dr. Leland, it was

Resolved, That Synod now hear the Rev. Dr. Wood, Secretary of the Board of Education, in relation to the interests of that Board. Dr. Wood then addressed the Synod.

It was made the second order of the day, for the afternoon, to hear the Rev. Mr. Coe, in reference to the operations of the Church Extension Committee, and the Rev. Mr. Schenck, Secretary of the Board of Publication, touching the interests of that Board.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported in part: that the Rev. D. E. Frierson preach this evening, and the Rev. T. R. English at 11 o'clock, A.M., on Friday.

Synod then had recess until 3½ o'clock, P.M.

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Synod met.

The following persons appeared, and rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness, viz: the Rev. Messrs. D. Humphreys, John McLees, A. W. Ross, R. H. Reid, J. F. Gibert, Samuel Donnelly, J. H. Saye, A. A. James, G. Howe, D.D., J. L. Girardeau, Thomas Smyth, D.D., J. B. Adger, D.D., and Ruling Elders J. McLellan, Rock Church; C. Gage, Unionville; J. Rosser, Camden; D. Milling, Lebanon and Salem (L. R.); J. E. Savage, Fairview; R. Brown, New Harmony; John Blakely, Clinton; Dr. J. M. F. Gaston, Columbia; J. Dillingham, 2d Church, Charleston; R. H. Crockett, Waxhaw; and W. L. Dixon, Liberty Hill.

The order of the day was then taken up, to wit: the Reference from the Charleston Presbytery of the question, whether the Call from the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, for the pastoral services of the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., should be placed in his hands. The Extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery, touching the Reference, together with all the papers sent by the Commissioners of the New Orleans Church, appertaining to the Call, were read. Dr. Leland having been requested to take the chair, Dr. Palmer was heard in relation to his own views and feelings on the subject.

After some discussion upon a motion to direct the Charleston Presbytery to put the Call in the hands of Dr. Palmer, on motion of Chancellor

Johnston, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the following day.

On motion of the Rev. W. Baird, it was

Resolved, That instead of the sermon appointed for this evening, Synod hear the Secretaries of the Board of Publication, and the Committee of Church Extension.

Synod then had recess until 7 o'clock, P.M.

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Synod met.

The Rev. W. E. Schenck was heard in regard to the claims of the Board of Education; and on motion of the Rev. J. H. Saye, the subject was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. T. Smyth, D.D., the Rev. J. H. Saye, and the Rev. T. L. McBryde, D.D.

The Rev. H. I. Coe also addressed the Synod on behalf of the Church Extension Committee of the General Assembly; and on motion of Dr. Smyth, the subject was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. J. B. Adger, the Rev. G. C. Gregg, and Ruling Elder Dr. J. W. Simpson.

On motion of Dr. Smyth, the subject presented by Dr. Wood, Secretary of the Board of Education, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. P. E. Bishop, E. Cater, and A. A. James.

The Rev. Messrs. Robinson and Crook, of the Methodist E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the unfinished business—the Call to Dr. Palmer—be resumed at 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

On motion of Dr. Smyth it was made the order of the day for Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

The Synodical Committee on Education presented their Report, which was read, and referred to the Committee already appointed on the subject of Education.

On motion of the Rev. J. H. Saye, it was ordered that the several Presbyteries, through their Stated Clerks, be called on to report their progress in the Colporteur enterprise. On motion, the subject was docketed.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The special order for this hour was taken up—hearing the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, which were read, and the former referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Statistical Reports are as follows :

The *Presbytery of South Carolina* report to the Synod of South Carolina : That they consist of 24 Ministers, and have under their care 49 Churches, 1 licentiate and 6 candidates. They have received the Rev. E. F. Hyde from Chickasaw Presbytery, and the Rev. J. O. Lindsay from the 2d Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South : and dismissed the Rev. Robert Logan to join Hopewell Presbytery (Ga.), the Rev. W. H. Singeltary to join East Mississippi Presbytery, and the Rev. J. I. Boozer to join Orange Presbytery, (N. C.). They have constituted the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. D. Montgomery and Aveleigh Church ; and the Rev. Joseph Hillhouse has departed this life.

The *Presbytery of Bethel* report : That they consist of 25 Churches and 13 Ministers ; and have under their care two licentiates and 3 candidates. Of their Ministers 7 are pastors, 4 are stated supplies, 1 is in feeble health and without charge, and 1 is President of the Bethel Female College. One of our Supplies is a non-resident, and supplies two churches of the Presbytery of Harmony. Three of our churches are supplied at present by licentiates of Concord Presbytery, and one is vacant. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. P. E. Bishop and Bethesda Church, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Harmony. They have received the Rev. T. W. Erwin from the Central Presbytery of Texas, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Concord.

The *Presbytery of Harmony* would respectfully report to Synod : That they consist of 25 Ministers, and 33 Churches ; and have under their care 1 licentiate, and 2 candidates for the ministry. They have organized 2 churches—Bennettsville in Marlboro' District, and Clarendon in Clarendon District. They have received the Rev. P. E. Bishop from Bethel Presbytery, and installed him pastor of the churches of Bennettsville and Great Pee Dee ; and have ordained Mr. James A. Cou-

sar, and installed him pastor of the churches of Carolina and Reedy Creek. They have licensed to preach the Gospel Messrs. Elmore Kinder and James McDowell; and Mr. Elmore Kinder and Mr. Robert M. Brearley, candidates for the ministry have departed this life.

The *Charleston Presbytery* report: That they consist of 28 Ministers and 12 Churches, and have under their care 3 licentiates and 5 candidates. They have ordained Mr. J. R. Dow, and installed him pastor of John's Island and Wadmalaw Church. They have licensed to preach the Gospel Messrs. A. L. Kline and M. D. Wood, and have ordained Mr. M. D. Wood, and installed him pastor of the Bethel Church, Walterborough. They have dismissed the Rev. W. Baird, and the Rev. J. B. Adger, D.D., to join the Presbytery of South Carolina. They have also dismissed Mr. Arthur Small, licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Harmony, and Mr. A. L. Kline, licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Tuscumbia Presbytery, Alabama.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Financial Committee, to whom were referred the bill of I. C. Morgan for printing Synodical Minutes, and the bill for engrossing the same, amounting to one hundred and one 80-100 dollars, report: That they find them correct, and recommend the following assessment on the Presbyteries to meet the same:

South Carolina Presbytery,	-	-	-	-	\$29 00
Bethel do.	-	-	-	-	21 00
Harmony do.	-	-	-	-	25 00
Charleston do.	-	-	-	-	26 00
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					\$101 00

The Committee recommend that the Clerks of these Presbyteries pay over at once the amount assessed to the Clerk of the Synod, and that this bill be discharged.

A letter from Lebanon Church was read, assigning satisfactory reasons for not being represented at the present sessions of this body.

The Committee appointed at a previous meeting, to ascertain the boundaries of the Presbytery of South Carolina, submitted their Report, which, on motion of the Rev. J. M. H. Adams, was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Oglethorpe Funds submitted the following Report, which, on motion of Dr. Leland, was accepted and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. S. Donnelly, T. C. Perrin and W. E. James:

The Committee appointed by Synod in 1851, to superintend the completion of the South Carolina Professorship in the Oglethorpe University, beg leave, through their Chairman, to present their final Report to this body. It is well known that our labours for the first two years, in furthering the cause entrusted to us, were very abundant, extending also into the third year of our existence as a Committee. These labours, which always devolved much on the Chairman, have since this time been discharged by him, so far as performed at all, without the aid of the other members. He has acted, in fact, without a formal appointment, as Treasurer of the Fund, attending as far as he could to its collection and the disbursement of its income. At your sessions in 1853, you appointed Messrs. A. Crawford, John S. Scott, and Prof. Brumby, your Committee of Investment. The two last named gentlemen consented to act, and have held the notes and evidences of stock, until the 9th of October last, when they were all returned into the hands of this Committee by Mr. Scott, he declining to act any further as Investing Committee. The present state of the endowment is as follows :

13 Six Per Cent. Bonds of the State of Georgia,		
of Jan., 1840, \$250 each, - - - -	\$3,250	
3 do. of June, 1842, \$250 each, - - - -	750	
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Certificates of six shares Charleston Bank (new)		
Stock, on which two instalments paid, par		
value, - - - - -		282 00
Notes of Daniel, Watson and Cunningham, in		
hands of John Cunningham, Greensboro', Geor-		
gia, \$500 each, - - - - -		1,500 00
In the hands of James Adger & Co., Charleston,		
as temporary investment, - - - - -		16,143 00
Notes of Donors in the hands of Synodical Com-		
mittee (supposed good) - - - - -		2,110 50
Doubtful, \$185 00.		
Bad, \$250 00.		
Notes of Donors in hands of Sub-Committees,		
for collection of interest on principal, viz: in		
hands of Charles Sprucer, Bishopville, - -	\$253	
W. E. James and others, Darlington, - -	344	
E. F. Mathieson and others, Cheraw, - -	375	
E. M. Gregg and others, Middle Salem, -	500	
	<hr/>	1,472 00
Total, - - - - -		<hr/> \$25,507 50

Besides this amount, there was a residue of old subscriptions, embraced in former reports, on which a part only could be collected, and an amount (about \$621) of new subscriptions which have never been paid, and which can probably be no longer depended on by Synod. The subscriptions (about \$5,700) obtained within the bounds of this Synod, in the effort to raise \$30,000 for the College in 1840, to meet its pressing necessities, have not entered largely, so far as is known, into this endowment.

Besides the above amount belonging to the Permanent Fund, there has been collected of interest, and disbursed for the current expenses of the Professorship, since these funds have been in our hands, the sum of \$7,602 49.

There will be due to Prof. Lane on the 1st day of January next, the sum of \$543 47, which can easily be met out of interest then due.

With these explanations and exhibits, we would submit our Books and Accounts to Synod for examination, and would request the appointment of some person or persons, who shall receive from us the stocks and papers in our hands, and shall hold and control the same for the purposes of the endowment; and would ask to be discharged from further attention to these matters which others can conduct with greater success.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. HOWE, *Chairman*.

Dr. J. M. F. Gaston obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

The Judicial Committee, to whom was referred the Complaint of the Session of the 2d Presbyterian Church of Charleston, against the Charleston Presbytery, in the case of A. F. Browning, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and, on motion of Dr. Leland, made the order of the day, immediately after the second order of the day:

The Judicial Committee, to which was referred the Complaint of the 2d Presbyterian Church of Charleston, against the Charleston Presbytery, in relation to the case of Mr. Browning, respectfully report: That they have examined the subject, and that they find the Complaint in order, though they are of opinion, that only the last of the grounds of Complaint bears materially on the correctness of the decision of the Presbytery.

The Committee recommend that the following be the order of proceedings:

1. Read the Proceedings of the Session of the 2d Presbyterian Church of Charleston, on Mr. Browning's case, including the evidence.
2. Read the grounds of appeal therefrom.

3. Read the proceedings and judgment of the Presbytery.
4. Read the Complainants' grounds of complaint therefrom.
5. Hear the Complainants.
6. Hear the Presbytery.
7. Hear Mr. Browning, personally, or through Counsel assigned.
8. Hear the Complainants strictly in reply.
9. Call the roll, that members of Synod (excluding Charleston Presbytery and Complainants) may give their opinions.
10. Take the vote, whether to sustain, or not to sustain the complaint, in whole, or in part.

The second order of the day was then taken up—the consideration of the Reference from Charleston Presbytery, touching the call from New Orleans to Dr. Palmer.

Pending the discussion of the subject, in which Dr. Leland and Dr. Thornwell participated—the former in favour of, and the latter in opposition to, the Call—the hour appointed for public worship arrived; but on motion of Dr. Smyth, it was

Resolved, That Synod proceed with the business already under consideration. The Synod was then addressed by Messrs. Saye, W. Baird, and Ross, in favour of placing the Call in Dr. Palmer's hands, and by Dr. Smyth in opposition thereto.

Synod then had recess till 3 o'clock, P.M.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P.M.

Synod met.

The Rev. J. M. Anderson, and Ruling Elders, D. G. Stinson from Cedar Shoal Church, and S. Clarke from Beech Island Church, appeared in Synod, and rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness.

The unfinished business of the morning was then resumed, and the discussion continued, by the Rev. P. E. Bishop in favour of the Call, and the Rev. E. Cater in opposition.

At this stage, the following was offered by the Rev. B. E. Lanneau, as an amendment to the resolution under consideration:

Resolved, That in the unchanged opinion of this Synod, the position which Dr. Palmer now holds in the Theological Seminary is, both in itself and in relation to his fitness for its duties, paramount to the Call from New Orleans; but whereas the Synod is unwilling to lay upon Dr. Palmer other than advice, the Charleston Presbytery be directed to place the Call from the 1st Church in New Orleans in his hands, leaving him free to accept or reject it.

This amendment was opposed by Messrs. Inglis and Adger, and also by Dr. Palmer. By permission of the house, Mr. Lanneau withdrew his amendment.

On motion of Dr. Smyth, it was resolved to seek the Divine direction in prayer, before proceeding to take the vote on the original resolution. Dr. Thornwell, at the request of the Moderator, led the Synod in prayer.

On motion, it was ordered, that the vote on the resolution be taken immediately after public worship to-night.

The Rev. S. Donelly obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

Synod then had recess until after public worship.

When the house was again called to order, the vote on the resolution instructing the Charleston Presbytery to put the Call from the 1st Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, in the hands of Dr. Palmer, was taken by calling the roll, and resulted as follows: 67 in the affirmative, and 32 in the negative.

On motion of the Rev. J. R. Baird, the votes were recorded, and were as follows:

Ayes.—D. Humphreys, J. McLees, R. H. Reid, J. F. Gibert, W. Baird, J. O. Lindsay, F. E. Harrison, H. M. Hamilton, Isaac Carlisle, A. O. Norris, J. P. Watts, T. C. Perrin, M. O. Talman, J. McKelvey, J. McLellan, R. Brown, J. Blakely, J. E. Savage, J. R. Gilland, W. Banks, J. E. White, S. L. Watson, J. M. H. Adams, J. H. Saye, A. A. James, J. M. Anderson, W. L. Brown, J. Simril, James Carlisle, J. S. Barnett, H. C. Brawley, J. M. Ross, J. Grier, Jos. Adams, C. Gage, D. G. Stinson, W. Brearley, T. R. English, P. Pierson, Jos. Brown, G. C. Gregg, D. E. Frierson, J. A. Wallace, W. W. Wilson, A. E. Chandler, S. H. Hay, E. P. Palmer, A. L. Crawford, P. E. Bishop, A. Cousar, J. A. Salters, J. McCutchen, M. P. Mayes, W. T. Wilson, S. G. Barclay, E. R. Plowden, A. S. Bowie, W. E. James, J. A. Inglis, L. B. Prince, J. G. McIntosh, J. Rosser, D. Milling, W. L. Dixon, A. W. Leland, J. L. Girardeau, W. Harral, S. Clarke.

Noes.—T. L. McBryde, D. Wills, A. A. Morse, T. A. Hoyt, R. McLees, S. Donelly, J. B. Adger, J. W. Simpson, Job Johnston, C. Randell, J. L. R. Davies, J. R. Baird, W. J. McCormick, J. G. Richards, F. A. Erwin, W. Wylie, W. W. Walkup, E. R. Mills, R. H. Crockett, G. W. Boggs, James Douglass, I. S. K. Legare, G. Howe, T. Smyth, J. H. Thornwell, John Douglas, E. Cater, R. A. Mickle, W. B. Corbett, B. E. Lanneau, M. D. Wood, T. A. Elliott, J. Dillingham.

The Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery reported, recommending the approval of them; which report was adopted.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock, to elect Directors of the Theological Seminary and Trustees of Oglethorpe University.

The following persons were nominated as Directors of the Theological Seminary: *Ministers*—S. Donelly, W. Banks, G. C. Gregg, W. J. McCormick, E. Cater, J. Wallace, S. H. Hay; *Laymen*—Judge Whittner, Col. Perrin, F. W. McMaster, J. A. Inglis, Dr. John Knox, W. E. James, C. Randell.

On motion of Dr. Leland, those Directors of Oglethorpe University whose term of service expires, were nominated for re-election.

The Rev. W. Brearley obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Synod met and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery presented a report, recommending the approval of them, which was adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to provide for a more complete supply of the destitutions in our bounds, were continued and directed to report at the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented Overture No. 1, with a report thereon, which, on motion of Dr. Adger, was referred back to the same Committee for a more extended answer.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Church Extension, presented the following Report, which was adopted:

The Committee to which was referred the subject of Church Extension, as presented by the Secretary of the Church Extension Committee, would submit the following Report:

The subject of Church Extension demands the special attention of the Churches of this Synod. As a distinct organized agency of the Church, it is in the infancy of its existence, and has not, therefore, secured all the sympathy it claims. The inquiry arises, how can the interests of the

Churches on this subject be most awakened and brought into efficient activity. Your Committee are very distinct in the opinion, that the interest and activity of the Churches can be most effectually developed by Presbyterian action, which first contemplates the home field and then looks abroad. Presbyteries, which enter systematically upon the work, can aid feeble congregations within their own bounds, and, by meeting these home wants, they will be led to look to the more distant parts of the field. Benevolence, founded upon a sense of duty, is necessarily expansive, and, after the supply of the home field, will bear contributions to more destitute regions. Thus will the central agency of Church Extension be supplied more largely with funds.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That Church Extension demands more of Christian benevolence, and that the members of Synod be urged to press its claims upon the attention of the Churches.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to our Churches to take up collections in behalf of Church Extension, during the month of February, or as soon after as may be convenient.

Synod then took up the order of the day—the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary and Trustees of Oglethorpe, and proceeded to ballot for the same.

The Committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery, presented their report, recommending their approval, as far as completed, which was adopted.

The Committee on the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported that the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, had resigned his Professorship. On motion of Chan. Johnston, the report was received, and Dr. Palmer's resignation was accepted.

The Rev. G. C. Gregg was nominated by the Rev. E. Cater, for the vacant Professorship.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the South Carolina Professorship in Oglethorpe University, submitted a report, which was re-committed, and the Rev. T. R. English was added to the committee.

The Moderator announced the unanimous re-election of those Trustees of Oglethorpe University whose term of service has just expired.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education for the Ministry, as presented by Dr. Wood, Corresponding Secretary of the Assembly's Board of Education, together with the Report of the Synodical Committee on Education, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That the subject so clearly and forcibly presented to our consideration by our brother, Dr. Wood, is one in which the Synod feels a very deep and abiding interest; believing, as we do, that the religious education of our youth, and especially the systematic education of young men for the Gospel Ministry, involves the best interests of Society, and the prosperity of the Church of our Redeemer.

2. *Resolved*, That the statements of our brother relative to the scarcity of Ministers and candidates for the Ministry, find much sympathy in this Synod; believing, as we do, that the Church cannot greatly extend her borders, or even occupy efficiently the ground now open to us, without an increase of the Ministry.

3. *Resolved*, That we urge upon our Churches and Ministers more frequent and more fervent prayer to God, the Lord of the harvest, that He would send more laborers into His harvest.

4. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined on all our Ministers to bring the claims of the Gospel Ministry distinctly before the pious and promising youth of their congregations, and their parents, and urge on them a prayerful and conscientious investigation as to a personal call to the Gospel Ministry.

5. *Resolved*, That we urge on our Ministers and Churches more liberal contributions to the cause of Education.

6. *Resolved*, That the same committee be re-elected with the addition of the Rev. Dr. Thornwell and Dr. J. M. F. Gaston.

Messrs. R. H. Crockett and A. M. Ross obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

The Rev. David Finley was nominated by the Rev. J. H. Saye for the vacant chair in the Theological Seminary, and the Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D. was nominated for the same by the Rev. Dr. Thornwell, seconded by the Rev. Dr. McBryde.

The Rev. P. E. Bishop obtained leave of absence until Monday.

Dr. Howe read a Circular on the subject of Education, which was referred to the Committee on that subject already appointed.

The Moderator announced the election of the following persons as Directors of the Theological Seminary, viz: *Ministers*—S. H. Hay, G. C. Gregg, W. Banks, S. Donelly; *Laymen*—T. C. Perrin, J. A. Inglis, J. N. Whitner.

The special order of the day was then taken up—the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, which was read by Dr. Smyth, accepted and referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Thornwell, Adams and Watts.

Messrs. J. M. H. Adams and W. Baird obtained leave of absence until Monday morning.

On motion of Dr. Thornwell, the Judicial Case was made the first order of the day for Monday.

The Committee to whom were referred the subjects of Publication and Colportage, submitted their report, which was ordered to be placed on the docket.

Synod then had recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod (Dr. Palmer) offered his resignation of the office, in view of his probable removal, which was accepted; and, on motion, it was resolved to proceed to the election of another Stated Clerk; whereupon the Rev. John L. Girardeau, having been nominated by the Rev. Dr. Leland, was unanimously elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the South Carolina Professorship Fund in Oglethorpe University, again submitted their report, which had been recommitted, recommending that the blanks be filled as indicated. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the South Carolina Professorship in Oglethorpe University, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the books and papers of said Committee, and find them correct and properly vouched. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod are due to the Committee, and especially to its chairman, for the great labour bestowed on the raising and management of the endowment of this Professorship; and that in accordance with the request of the chairman, the Committee be discharged.

2. *Resolved*, That Messrs. J. A. Inglis and F. W. McMaster, be appointed a Committee to attend to the collection of all notes and subscriptions yet unpaid, in order that the matter of this endowment may be closed as speedily as possible.

3. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Andrew Crawford, W. Harral and J. S. Bowie be appointed an Investing Committee to take charge of this Fund.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions was granted to the following persons : Dr. Simpson, Dr. Watts, Rev. A. E. Chandler, and Mr. E. R. Plowden.

The Report of the Special Committee on Publication and Colportage was, on motion, taken up from the docket, and, having been amended by an additional resolution, moved by the Rev. J. H. Saye, was, on motion of the Rev. A. A. Morse, adopted, and is as follows :

The committee to whom were referred the interests of the Board of Publication, as brought before this Synod by the Rev. W. E. Schenck, Corresponding Secretary of that Board, would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod has heard with pleasure the interesting address of Mr. Schenck, and the facts embodied in it, illustrative of the true nature, objects, and usefulness of our Board of Publication.

2. *Resolved*, That, to use the language of our General Assembly, "every successive year's operations of the Board of Publication exhibit increasing evidence of its great importance and efficiency, in promoting all the great interests of the Church. The report of its doings the past year, presents an unprecedented degree of prosperity, which calls for the most fervent thanksgiving to the Divine Head of the Church, for the increased success with which its labours have been crowned, manifested in the enlargement of the field of its operations ; in the steadily advancing liberality of the Church ; in the largely augmented number of volumes circulated, and in the increase of the number and efficiency of its self-denying Colporteurs, employed to disseminate among all classes of our population the precious truths contained in these volumes."

3. *Resolved*, That as the Board employs no collecting agent, it be enjoined upon every Pastor and Session to make provision for the regular presentation of the claims of this Board. And that the nature of these claims be the better understood, it is important to direct the attention of the Churches to the fact, brought to view in the report of the Board, that there are in reality two distinct departments under its management : one, that of publishing and selling books, a purely business department, conducted on strictly commercial principles ; the other, the Colporteur enterprise, a charitable and missionary enterprise, conducted on benevolent principles. Benevolent contributions to this charitable department constitute all the resources of the Board for its colporteur work, and for gratuitous distribution. A large increase of contributions to this fund is greatly needed, and the Churches are earnestly entreated to come to the aid of the Board in this benevolent part of its work with greater liberality. The Synod is pleased to perceive that the Board is deter-

mined that in future all accounts of these two departments shall be kept separate.

4. *Resolved*, That in order to secure regular contributions to this object, this Synod designate the months in which this and the other Boards and Agencies should be presented, as objects towards which the charities of our Church should be primarily directed, or that it enjoin upon each Church, to make such arrangement for itself.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod would urge upon Church Sessions the great importance of promoting the circulation and perusal of the Periodicals of our Church; the Missionary, and Sabbath School Visitor, which are designed for children and youths particularly, the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, and the Home and Foreign Missionary Record, which may all be secured for a small annual sum, and which, if read, will inform and cannot fail to interest their readers in all the doings of our Church.

6. *Resolved*, That all contributions to this Board should be forwarded to the Treasury by the first of March, the end of the fiscal year of the Board.

7. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of the Board of Publication.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, presented their report, which, on motion of Dr. Leland, was docketed.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this day, was granted to the Rev. Messrs. Banks and Wills.

The Committee of Conference with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, submitted their Report, which on motion of Chan. Johnston, was referred to a Special Committee. Chan. Johnston, the Rev. Dr. Thornwell and the Rev. Mr. Ross, were appointed that Committee. The Report is as follows:

The Committee of Conference with the A. R. Synod of the South, would report:

That after the action of the General Assembly in relation to the Overture of our Synod, your Committee supposed there was very little left for them to do. In carrying out, however, the directions of Synod, as expressed in their resolutions last year, some of them met with the Committee of the A. R. Synod at Commencement at Due West, together with some of the General Assembly's Committee. The result of that conference was an appointment of the three Committees to proceed with the business of revising the present metrical version of the Book of Psalms in use among the Churches of the A. R. Synod, with an agree-

ment to meet in Columbia this Fall, for further conference. The Rev. J. C. Williams, one of your Committee, attended the late meeting of the A. R. Synod, at Starkville, Miss. He was kindly received, and addressed the Synod in relation to the business enjoined by your body.

On the subject of inter-communion, and the more intimate intercourse of the two Synods, they appointed a Committee, consisting of one Minister and one Elder from each of their Presbyteries, to consider the subject, and report at the next meeting of their Synod.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented Overture No. 1, which had been recommitted, viz: Overture from the Session of Bethel Church: "Is it the duty of the Session, when baptized members who have been guilty of gross offences apply for admission to the communion of the Church, to require acknowledgment and profession of repentance for said offences?" The Committee recommend the following answer, which was adopted:

That every applicant for Church-membership is bound to acknowledge his sin and guilt, and to evince true repentance for the same; yet, no specific overt acts of sin are to be singled out, but the repentance is presumed to embrace all sin.

On motion of Dr. Leland, the Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was taken from the docket, and the resolutions considered *seriatim*. The report, after being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, would respectfully report, that they have attentively considered the several matters contained therein, and present them for the consideration and action of the Synod in the following order and form.

1. It is undoubtedly a matter of painful regret that so many persons accept an appointment, and thus give an implied pledge, to discharge the duties of a Director in the Seminary, and yet allow the most trifling excuse to satisfy conscience for failure in the discharge of those obligations. The Committee decided to recommend the remedy provided in the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon the expiration of his term of office, no Director shall be re-eligible for the next three years, who has twice neglected to attend the regular meetings of the Board during his official term; and that all persons elected be requested promptly to resign, if they find that they cannot attend said meetings, and discharge the other duties of a Director; that their places be assigned to those who can and will punctually discharge all the duties of the office.

2. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the purchase of the Library of Dr. Smyth, upon the terms reported, be approved by the Synod, and it be referred to the Board to devise the ways and means to raise the money necessary to liquidate this debt, as the various instalments thereon fall due.

3. The Committee recommend the approval of the action of the Board in the appointment of a Tutor.

4. They also recommend the re-adoption of the following resolution of the last Synod (see printed Minutes, p. 18) :

Resolved, That in view of the present and prospective increase of the Library, this Synod considers that a new building is desirable, and should be provided as soon as practicable; and would, therefore, commend this object to the liberality of benevolent individuals and of Churches.

The Rev. G. C. Gregg, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the petition from Williamsburg Church, presented a Report, recommending that the mover of the petition have leave to withdraw it, and asking that the Committee be discharged, which was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Howe, from the Special Committee on the Boundaries of the Presbytery of South Carolina, submitted a Report, which, on motion of Mr. T. C. Perrin, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee appointed last year to ascertain and define the boundaries of the Presbytery of South Carolina, particularly the line between it and the Charleston Presbytery, beg leave to present the following statement of facts, as their Report :

That the Old Presbytery of South Carolina, connected with the American Presbyterian Church, was set off from the Presbytery of Orange by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia on the 21st of May, 1784, and the line that divides North and South Carolina, was made the line of separation between the Presbytery of Orange and the Presbytery of South Carolina.

That on the 3d of November, 1796, the Presbytery of Hopewell was constituted by the Synod of the Carolinas, and the Savannah River declared to be the dividing line between it and the Presbytery of South Carolina. That on the 6th of October, 1799, the said Presbytery of South Carolina was divided into two Presbyteries by the Synod of the Carolinas, and the Broad River in its whole course, so far as it passes through the State of South Carolina, was declared to be the line of division between them, the members on the North-East side of said River constituting the First Presbytery of South Carolina, and those on the South-West side the Second Presbytery of South Carolina. By

Broad River were evidently intended the waters of said River on their way to the Ocean through the Congaree and Santee, since the Congregations of Williamsburg, Indiantown and Salem were included in the territorial limits of the First Presbytery.

On the 5th of October, 1809, the Presbytery of Harmony was constituted by the Synod of the Carolinas, consisting of part of the First and Second Presbyteries of South Carolina, and part of the Presbytery of Hopewell; the bounds of which were designated in the following manner, viz: Beginning on the sea coast where the divisional line between North and South Carolina begins, and running thence with said line until it strikes Lynch's Creek; thence down said creek to Evans' Ferry; thence to Camden; thence to Columbia; thence to Augusta, in Georgia; thence in a direction nearly South (including St. Mary's) to the sea-coast.

On the 6th of October, 1810, the First Presbytery of South Carolina was dissolved at its own request by the Synod of the Carolinas; the Churches now included in the Presbytery of Bethel were united with the Presbytery of Concord, N. C., and the Churches of Lebanon and Mt. Olivet, of Concord, Horeb, Zion, Aimwell, Catholic, Beaver Creek and Hanging Creek were joined to the Presbytery of Harmony. After the dissolution of the First Presbytery, the second was known as the Presbytery of South Carolina, a name which it has borne ever since.

In the original formation of Bethel Presbytery its territory in South Carolina was confined to the Districts of York and Chester. Subsequently, certain Churches in Lancaster District were united with it, the District of Union was added, and that portion of the congregation of Fair-forest resident in Spartanburg.

On the 9th of November, 1821, the members of the Presbytery of Harmony, who resided in Georgia, were set off and formed into the Presbytery of Georgia, by the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia; and on the 22d of November, 1822, the members of Harmony Presbytery, living south of the Congaree and Santee, were set off from said Presbytery, and constituted a new Presbytery, by the name of the Charleston Union Presbytery. To this, the District of Richland was added in 1839, and the name changed to that of the Presbytery of Charleston.

The boundaries of the Presbytery of South Carolina, therefore, coincide with the boundaries of the State on the north, the west, and south-west. On the east and north-east, beginning at the North Carolina line, it is bounded by the line which separates Spartanburg from York and Union Districts; thence by the line separating Laurens and Newberry

from Union District; thence by the Broad River to Columbia Lower Bridge, save that it is understood that the congregation of Fairforest, partly in Spartanburg District, is attached to the Presbytery of Bethel. The boundary line between it and Charleston Presbytery, is the same which separated the second Presbytery of South Carolina and the Presbytery of Harmony in 1809. It is the road from Columbia Bridge, through the village of Lexington, over the Ridge, and by Lot's Tavern, to within two miles of the present town of Hamburg. Thence, the line is the old Campbelltown Road to the Savannah River. At the time this line was fixed, dividing the Presbytery of Harmony from the Second Presbytery of South Carolina, the town of Hamburg was a mere marsh, and Campbelltown, two miles above, divided the trade with Augusta. This line passes through the village of Lexington, throws the village of Edgefield and the major part of Edgefield District within the bounds of the Presbytery of South Carolina, and leaves Hamburg, Beech Island, Graniteville and Aiken within the bounds of Charleston Presbytery.

On motion of Dr. Thornwell, the resolution, making the Judicial Case the first order of the day for Monday, was re-considered, and instead, the election of a Professor for the vacant chair in the Seminary was made the first order, and the Judicial Case the second, for that day.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made a further report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

In the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath:

Dr. Palmer—Preach in the morning.

Dr. Leland—Introduce the communion and dispense the bread.

Dr. Howe—Dispense the wine and close.

Dr. Thornwell—Preach in the afternoon.

Dr. Smyth—Preach at night.

In the Baptist Church:

Mr. Brown—Preach in the morning.

Mr. Wilson—Preach in the afternoon.

Dr. McBryde—Preach at night.

In the Methodist Church:

Mr. Humphrey—Preach in the morning.

Mr. Cater—Preach in the afternoon.

Mr. R. H. Reid—Preach at night.

The Synodical Collection for Foreign Missions, to be taken up during the service on Sabbath morning.

Synod then took recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

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Synod met.

The Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions was preached by the Rev. John L. Girardeau, after which Synod resumed business.

The Rev. E. Cater, from the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported : That they had found nothing in the same requiring the action of this body, and requested that they be discharged. The Committee was accordingly discharged.

On motion of Mr. Cater, the following Special Committee was appointed to bring in a Minute expressive of the feelings of the Synod on the occasion of Dr. Palmer's resignation of his Professorship, viz : Messrs. Leland, Humphreys and Davies.

Chancellor Johnston, from the Special Committee on the Report of the Committee of Conference with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, submitted a Report, which, on motion of Mr. Saye, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Special Committee, to which was referred the Report of the Committee of Conference with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, beg leave to report :

That at the last session of this Synod, an overture was brought up to us from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, by the hands of two delegates appointed by them—the Rev. W. R. Hemphill and the Rev. Ebenezer Pressly, D.D.—in which it was stated that “*the chief barrier in the way of union,*” between them and us, “is found in the question of Psalmody ;” and we were requested by their delegates to put them in communication with the General Assembly of our Church.

We adopted their suggestion, and memorialized the General Assembly on the subject ; which memorial has, as we find, induced the Assembly to enter into bonds of correspondence with them.

This Synod, also upon the request of their delegates, adopted a resolution, “that it is desirable to continue the” then existing “correspondence between this Synod and the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, as requested by their delegates ;” and a Committee, which had previously been appointed for that purpose, was continued ; and we further resolved,

“That, inasmuch as this Synod have, heretofore, fully and explicitly proposed terms of union and communion with our brethren of the Associate Reformed Church of the South ; and inasmuch as we have now adopted the only measure proposed by them as tending to this result, the Committee from this Synod are hereby instructed to request of the Associate Reformed Synod, or any Committee appointed thereby, to

state to us *plainly* and *distinctly*, whether there exist any obstacles to such union and communion, *beside* those arising from the subject of *Psalmody*, the removal of which they regard as *indispensable on our part*, and if so, *what those obstacles are* : and that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the said Synod."

Your Committee cherish the hope that the continuance of our correspondence with the Associate Reformed Synod may lead to good results. We cherish for them the kindest feelings, and believe that their feelings towards us are of the same character ; and it only requires that we mutually understand each other, to come to a closer correspondence ; and we would not willingly permit the chain which now exists between us and binds us together to be sundered.

The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee heretofore appointed by this Synod to confer with the Associate Reformed Synod, and with a Committee on their part, be continued.

2. *Resolved*, That a copy of this Report and Resolutions be transmitted, forthwith, by the Stated Clerk to the Associate Reformed Synod, through the hands of the Rev. W. R. Hemphill, or the Rev. Ebenezer Pressly, D.D. ; and that another copy be put by him in the hands of the Committee of this Synod, referred to in the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Dr. Smyth, the Sermon of the Rev. J. L. Girardeau on Missions, just delivered, was requested for publication by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions ; and the Rev. T. A. Hoyt was appointed principal, with the Rev. M. D. Wood, alternate, to preach the next Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Psalmody, through their Chairman, Dr. Smyth, reported progress ; and in view of the pending correspondence with the Associate Reformed Synod and ourselves, asked to be continued. On motion, the Committee was continued, and the Rev. J. L. Girardeau added to it.

On motion of Mr. Saye, the following item was taken up from the docket, viz : Reports from the Presbyteries on the Colporteur enterprise within their bounds ; which were severally rendered.

Synod then adjourned, to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The first order of the day was then taken up—the election of a Professor to fill the vacant chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in the Theological Seminary.

At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. T. R. English led the Synod in prayer for Divine direction.

Messrs. John Douglas and Joseph Brown were appointed tellers to receive the ballots.

Messrs. McCormick, Humphreys and Grier obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

The Moderator announced the result of the vote for Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, to be the election of the Rev. John B. Adger, D.D., he having received 65 votes; Mr. Gregg, 15; and Mr. Finley, 2.

On motion of Mr. Cater, it was

Resolved, That the election of Dr. Adger meets the unanimous approval of this body.

On motion of Dr. Thornwell, it was

Resolved, That a delegate be sent to the Synod of Georgia to inform that body of the vacation of the Third Chair in the Seminary and the election of Dr. Adger thereto, subject to their confirmation.

On motion of Dr. Smyth, Mr. Cater was appointed the delegate.

Synod then proceeded to take up the second order of the day, to wit: the Judicial Case, being a Complaint of the Session of the 2d Church, Charleston, against the Decision of the Charleston Presbytery in the case of Mr. A. F. Browning.

The Moderator delivered the usual charge to the Court, reminding them of their responsibility.

The Moderator being a member of the Charleston Presbytery, and having acted as Counsel for the Accused before that Court, retired from the chair, and requested the Rev. G. C. Gregg, the last Moderator, to preside during the progress of the trial.

In accordance with the order specified in the Report of the Judicial Committee, the proceedings of the Session, including the evidence, were then read.

By agreement of the original parties, viz: Mr. Browning and the

Complainants, all that portion of the proceedings of the Session, and of the Testimony, appertaining to the charges on which the Accused was acquitted by the Session, was omitted in the reading.

On motion, the reading was suspended, and Synod took recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Synod met.

The reading of the Proceedings of the Session and the Testimony was continued during the afternoon.

Synod then had recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met.

The Rev. S. H. Hay, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Narrative, submitted the same, which was adopted, and is as follows :

NARRATIVE :

The state of religion within the bounds of our Synod, according to the Reports of the Presbyteries, seems to be more encouraging than it has been for several years. The means of grace have been regularly dispensed in most of our congregations, and these means, we rejoice to learn, have been honoured by the Divine Spirit in the salvation of immortal souls. Several Churches have enjoyed special outpourings of the Spirit, and many report large accessions to their numbers upon profession of faith. The Christian walk of the Saviour's professing people has generally been orderly, and gives satisfactory evidence, in most instances, that they have passed from death unto life. The hand of affliction has been laid heavily upon many. They have, however, acknowledged God's Providence, and their sore trials will "work out for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Children very generally receive the care of the Churches to which they belong. They are instructed in the great doctrines of grace which are embodied in our Standards, and we trust that, with the Divine blessing, they will grow up thoroughly imbued with them, and be prepared by the Spirit for usefulness in the Church of Christ.

The Coloured People, who possess so many claims upon our care and attention, we are happy to say, are not neglected. Many of our pastors

divide their services equally between the whites and the blacks, and many of the latter, during the past year, have been hopefully converted, and have been united to the Church. The Anson-Street Missionary Church in Charleston for the Coloured People, in the success of which great interest has been felt, has increased in numbers, and is encouraged by a better attendance upon public worship.

The Synod has learned with great pleasure, that there has been an improvement in the grace of giving, and that this matter has assumed a more systematic form. God demands contributions from His people, not because He needs them; for the silver and the gold are His, and the cattle on a thousand hills. He demands them because they are an important means of grace. When Christians acknowledge their obligations, by bringing their gifts and offerings into the storehouse of the Lord, then, and not till then, will He "open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The Female College at Yorkville, under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel, is reported as being in a prosperous condition. A number of its pupils have recently professed faith in Christ. The Female College at Orangeburg, under the charge of a member of the Charleston Presbytery, has been visited with a very gracious revival. All the pupils residing in the family of the President, *sixty* in number, before the close of the last term, expressed hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. The value of any soul is precious; its conversion to God fills heaven with rejoicing. Peculiarly precious is a work of grace among that interesting class, who must exert a powerful influence upon the succeeding generation.

The Synod deeply regret the loss which the Seminary at Columbia has experienced in the removal to another sphere of usefulness, of the gifted and beloved Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity. The blow, though severe, is not paralyzing. It is hoped that the vacant Chair will soon be ably filled, and that a day of unprecedented prosperity is about to dawn upon this cherished Institution. It reports thirty students as being in attendance at the present time, and is in a flourishing condition.

Negotiations are in progress between the Presbytery of Bethel and the Independent Presbyterians residing within their limits, with reference to an union between the two bodies.

Death has been active within the bounds of our Synod, during the past year, and many have fallen before the fell destroyer. A venerable father in the ministry has been called away. He rests from his labours, and his works do follow him. Four promising young men—one just licensed, and the others students in the Seminary—have also been cut

down. Elders, and many valuable members of our Churches, have been removed from the Church militant to that triumphant. "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men!"

The Synod would acknowledge, with profound gratitude, God's goodness to them, although so undeserving. From the experience of past mercies, they feel encouraged to make renewed exertions in their Master's cause, trusting in His gracious promise to His Church, "Behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires."

Dr. Leland, from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

The Committee appointed to examine the report of Oglethorpe University, report :

That your Committee find nothing in said Report requiring the special attention of Synod, excepting a reference to the South Carolina Professorship. Upon this subject, your Committee trust that the action of this body upon the matter above mentioned will be satisfactory.

The unfinished business, to wit : the Judicial case, was then resumed, and the reading of the Proceedings of the Session of the Second Church, Charleston, and the Testimony, was continued and concluded.

Secondly, the grounds of appeal from the Decision of the Session were read.

Thirdly, the Proceedings and Judgment of the Charleston Presbytery were read.

Fourthly, the Complainants' grounds of Complaint were read.

Fifthly, the Complainant's were heard through their representative, Mr. Dillingham, Ruling Elder from the Second Church, Charleston.

At this stage of the proceedings, the hearing of the case was suspended.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions was granted to Messrs. A. W. Ross and Banks.

On motion of Dr. Smyth, it was

Resolved, That the travelling expenses of the Rev. Mr. Cater, delegate to the Synod of Georgia, be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Messrs. Watson and Joseph Adams obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

On motion of Chan. Johnston, it was

Resolved, That the Sermons delivered on last Sabbath by Drs. Palmer, Thornwell and Smyth be requested for publication; and Messrs. Davies, Bishop and Walkup were appointed a committee to take this matter in charge, and raise by subscription the requisite funds.

Mr. Bishop, from the Special Committee on Education, reported, touching the circular which had been referred to the Committee, that it is inexpedient at the present time to take any action upon the subject presented in said circular.

The circular is as follows: Whereas, the General Assembly have for a number of consecutive years recommended to our Ministers and Elders the establishment of Primary Schools, Academies and Colleges; and whereas the Board of Education, to whose supervision the Assembly has committed this work, are now engaged in sustaining a number of institutions in various parts of the country, and thus maintaining their existence amidst great pecuniary embarrassment; therefore,

Resolved, That in accordance with the above recommendation of the Assembly, we will take up an annual collection for general education, in addition to the one taken up for candidates for the ministry, and that said collection be appropriated to the present support of Academies and Colleges, and not to their endowment.

On motion of Mr. Inglis, Mr. Robert Adger was added to the Investing Committee on the Funds of the South Carolina Professorship in Oglethorpe University, and,

On motion of Chan. Johnston, the said Investing Committee are instructed to invest the funds at their discretion, and according to their best judgment.

Synod then resumed the unfinished business—the Judicial case; and Mr. Dillingham, on behalf of the Complainants, concluded his argument.

In the sixth place, the members of Charleston Presbytery were heard.

On motion, the hearing of the case was at this stage suspended.

Dr. Thornwell, from the Special Committee on the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, submitted a Report, which, on motion of Mr. Bishop, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, having considered the same, beg leave to recommend the following resolutions :

1. That the work of Foreign Missions is not only in accordance with the general temper and positive injunctions of the Gospel, but with every impulse and habit of the renewed and sanctified heart. It gives scope for the exercise of every Christian virtue, whether active or passive, for the work of faith, the labour of love, and the patience of hope ; and though men may not countenance and favour it, who are as indifferent to the salvation of others as of themselves, the true believer cannot stand aloof from it, without renouncing to the extent of his apathy, his christian profession. The very nature of his life demands this species of exercise. The harmony of his soul with God is in nothing more conspicuously manifested than in cordial sympathy with the Divine purpose, that the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. That glory is Christ, and He is revealed in the promulgation of the Gospel.

2. That the Synod has witnessed with pleasure the successful operation of the plan adopted by it many years ago, founded on the principle that the contribution of alms and offerings to the service of God is, in its habit, a Christian grace, and in its exercise, an element of worship, This is the doctrine of the Scriptures, the doctrine of our Standards. and, we rejoice to say, is becoming the practice of the Church. The result, wherever it has been tried, has been propitious. In our own case, the amount given has been, with the exception of one or two years, steadily increasing. The Executive Committee reports this year five hundred dollars more than it reported last year. This is highly encouraging. Still there are Churches which have contributed nothing, and the Synod cannot but enjoin it upon Pastors and Sessions, to see to it, that every man have the opportunity of presenting his alms and offerings to the treasury of the Lord, and be instructed in his duty and privilege. While there is much to encourage us, there is nothing to boast of. We are still far behind what ought to be expected from our means and resources.

3. That the Synod expresses its sincere thanks to the venerable Treasurer, Mr. James Adger, for his faithful and valuable services, freely and gratuitously rendered ; and hereby extends to him the right hand of a

warm and cordial sympathy, in the visitation which has deprived him of a companion, and has given to heaven a saint.

4. That the Report of the Executive Committee be printed in pamphlet form, at the expense of the Committee, and circulated throughout our Churches ; and that the Treasurer's Report be printed in the appendix to the Minutes.

5. That the Executive and Auditing Committees, and the Treasurer, be re-appointed.

Dr. Leland, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Minute expressive of the feelings of Synod, in reference to the resignation and removal of the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in our Theological Seminary, and Stated Clerk of this body for the last twelve years, reported the following, which, on motion of the Rev. Jos. Brown, was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be placed upon the Records :

Whereas, our beloved Brother, the Rev. Dr. Palmer, has felt constrained, by a severe conviction of duty, to resign his Professorship in our Seminary, and to transfer his relation to a distant Synod, we desire to place upon our Minutes an enduring testimony of our high appreciation of his character and usefulness, our deep regret at the disruption of the endearing ties which have so long united us, and our ardent wishes and fervent prayers that he may prove a rich and lasting blessing to his future field of labour.

Deploring, as we must continue to do, the lamented removal of this bright and shining light in which we have so greatly rejoiced, our grief is assuaged, by the anticipation of the radiance it will diffuse in that wide and interesting region to which his labours are to be transferred.

In our separation from a brother so greatly beloved, the members of this body feel painfully the severe bereavement sustained by our Seminary, in the loss of one so richly endowed with those rare and precious gifts so invaluable to the training of our rising ministry. In this mysterious dispensation, our mourning hearts bow in humble submission to the Divine will.

As we are well assured that our brother has been governed by a sense of imperative duty in adopting a course which involves so great sacrifices, and causes so much pain to many dear friends, it is incumbent on us to cheer and comfort him in his noble act of self-consecration. We doubt not he can adopt the sublime language of the Apostle, and say, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I may finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I

have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." Deeply sympathising with this beloved brother, our hearts should glow with devout gratitude, that one of ourselves, a pupil of our own Seminary, is made capable by grace of so glorious a destiny, is enriched and ennobled with a faith so apostolic and invincible.

Convinced by no doubtful indications, that the Lord hath need of him in another sphere of usefulness, and therefore calls him away, it becomes the duty of this Synod, though with sorrowing hearts, to bid him depart, and fulfil his high commission. It is our parting testimony, that he has nobly filled every department of duty and labour in which he has been engaged with us. Long and affectionately shall we remember the energy and efficiency with which he has accomplished his full-orbed ministry among ourselves. And now, as he is entering an untried position of the harvest-field, our warmest affections accompany him. In every peril and difficulty, may the Angel of the Covenant preserve and comfort him! May his life and health be graciously continued for many years; and may his labours be crowned with special manifestations of the Divine favour; so that having served the Church faithfully, and turned many to righteousness, he may shine at last, "as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars forever and ever!"

Synod then had recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Synod was called to order, and resumed the unfinished business—hearing the members of the Charleston Presbytery in relation to the Judicial Case.

This part of the process being closed, the Rev. Mr. Davies, from the Committee on the Publication of the Sermons delivered on last Sabbath, submitted a Report, which, on motion, was re-committed.

Synod then took recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order, and resumed the unfinished business. The Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, as Counsel for Mr. Browning, was heard in his defence. Dr. Palmer having closed his argument, Mr. Dillingham, on behalf of the Complainants, was heard strictly in reply.

The Parties being then required to withdraw, viz: the Session, the Accused and his Counsel, and the Charleston Presbytery, the roll was called, that the members of Synod might express their opinions. Pre-

viously to taking the vote, on motion, the Moderator led the Synod in prayer for Divine direction.

The roll was again called, and the vote was taken on the question, shall the Complaint be Sustained? The result was as follows: Sustain, 3; Sustain in Part, 30; Not Sustain, 17.

On motion of Col. Walkup, the votes were recorded, and were as follows:

Sustain.—W. W. Walkup, D. E. Frierson, J. Rosser.—3.

Sustain in part.—T. L. McBryde, D. Wills, A. A. Morse, T. A. Hoyt, Robert McLees, John McLees, J. F. Gibert, C. Randell, T. C. Perrin, M. O. Talman, John McLellan, J. E. Savage, J. Blakely, J. L. R. Davies, J. G. Richards, J. H. Saye, J. Simril, E. R. Mills, D. G. Stinson, T. R. English, Joseph Brown, S. H. Hay, G. W. Boggs, J. A. Cousar, J. A. Salters, J. McCutchen, W. E. James, L. B. Prince, J. G. McIntosh, W. L. Dixon—30.

Not Sustain.—J. O. Lindsay, Job Johnston, Roger Brown, J. R. Baird, A. A. James, W. Wylie, H. C. Brawley, P. Pierson, M. D. Fraser, J. A. Wallace, E. P. Palmer, James Douglass, P. E. Bishop, W. T. Wilson, S. G. Barclay, J. A. Inglis, D. Milling—17.

Messrs. Perrin, Saye and Boggs were appointed a Special Committee to bring in a Minute expressing the views of Synod, touching the case just decided.

Mr. Davies, from the Committee on the Publication of the Sermons delivered last Sabbath, whose report had been re-committed, submitted the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

The Committee appointed to devise a plan to meet the expense of publishing the Sermons of Drs. Palmer, Thornwell, and Smyth, delivered on last Sabbath, during the sessions of this Synod, and ordered to be published for circulation among the Churches, beg leave to recommend:

That the Stated Clerk of Synod ascertain the cost of publishing 2,000 copies, and inform the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery of the proportional amount of said cost, which shall be in proportion to the sum each Presbytery pays towards the salary of the Stated Clerk of Synod; and further, that the several Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries receive any donations which may be contributed for this purpose, and that the funds so raised be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod on or before the Spring Sessions of the Presbyteries to meet the printer's bill.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the members of this community and of the Church, for their very kind and hospitable entertainment of the Synod; and to such of the Rail Road Com-

panies as have given a return ticket to the members of the Synod, and that the Pastor of the Church communicate the same in whatever mode he deems best.

The Special Committee, appointed to prepare a Final Minute touching the Judicial case, submitted a Report, which, on motion, was recommended, and Messrs. T. R. English, Job Johnston, and J. A. Inglis added to the Committee.

The Committee, as thus constituted, retired and brought in the following Final Minute, which, on motion of the Rev. Jos. Brown, was *unanimously* adopted :

Synod is of opinion, that Mr. A. F. Browning, in his management of his accounts with the mercantile concern of which he was a member, and out of which the charges against him arose, although not guilty of fraud, intentional wrong, or want of truthfulness, was blamable for negligence, carelessness, and inaccuracy, as a merchant and man of business, for which he should have been admonished ; and while they sustain the decision of the *Presbytery in part*, direct that he be admonished by the Session of the Second Presbyterian Church, according to this opinion, and restored to his station in said Church.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer and the Apostolic benediction, to meet in the Presbyterian Church, at Laurens C. H., on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1857, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

B. M. PALMER, *Moderator*.

W. BANKS, *Temporary Clerk*.

E. P. PALMER, *Assistant Clerk*.

JOHN L. GIRARDEAU, *Stated Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

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MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, held at Columbia, S. C., June 24—26, 1856.

CHAPEL OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, }
 Tuesday, June 24th, 1856, 8 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, met, according to adjournment, in the Chapel of the Seminary, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Col. T. C. Perrin was called to the Chair; and the Board was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Thornwell. The Rev. S. H. Hay was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Upon calling the roll, the following members were found to be present:

MINISTERS.

Edward Palmer,
J. B. Adger, D. D.,
John Douglas,
R. K. Porter,
T. L. McBryde,
S. H. Hay.

LAYMEN.

T. C. Perrin,
A. Crawford.

The Board proceeded to the election of officers, and Col. T. C. Perrin was chosen President ; J. B. Adger, D. D., Vice-President, and A. Crawford, Treasurer. The election of Secretary was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The following committees were appointed :

Audits.—John Douglas, Edward Palmer.

Ways and Means.—J. B. Adger, R. K. Porter, and A. Crawford.

Library—Laws and Regulations.—T. L. McBryde, Edward Palmer, John Douglas.

Buildings.—R. K. Porter, A. Crawford.

The Reports of the Investing Committees, and the Treasurer's Account, were presented, and referred to the Committee of Audits.

The Librarian's Report for 1856, and the contract with Dr. Smyth for Books, with accompanying documents, were submitted, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

Dr. Thornwell was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Board.

A letter from the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., resigning his Professorship, was read and ordered to be placed upon the docket.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Board do now adjourn, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and that at 11 o'clock a recess be taken to attend the examination on Theology.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 25.

The Board met in Dr. Howe's recitation room, and was opened with prayer.

The same members were present as on last evening, with the addition of Mr. J. K. Douglass.

The Minutes of last session were read and approved.

The report of the Faculty of the Seminary was read, and referred to the Committee on Laws and Regulations.

Dr. Leland was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The letter from Dr. Palmer was taken up from the docket, and referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Adger and John Douglas to prepare a Minute upon the subject.

On motion of Dr. Adger, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Edward Palmer and McBryde, was appointed to prepare a Minute upon the failure of members to attend the meetings of the Board.

A discussion arose upon the subject of making the Seminary term shorter, pending which, the Board took recess to attend the examination on Theology.

When called to order again, a letter was read from the Rev. D. McQueen, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

The Board proceeded to the election of Secretary, and the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., was chosen.

The Committee on Buildings presented a Report, which was adopted and is as follows :

In the absence of the usual Annual Report of your Standing Building Committee, the only materials with which to construct that of your present temporary Committee, are those gathered from personal observation. All of these are of a highly satisfactory character. Your Committee feel called on to congratulate the Board, and through them the many friends of the Seminary, on the greatly extended and handsome accommodations offered students by the completion of the new building known as *Law Hall*, affording, as it does, separate rooms for twice the number of students now in the Seminary.

We find the second story of the centre building appropriated for the Library ; in its arrangements furnishing, what seems to us, the best possible substitute for the future accommodation of the Library in the buildings which we hope may soon be erected.

We respectfully suggest, that the proper authority be directed to have immediately remedied the two defects in the covering of the centre building, the one resulting in a leak in the Chapel, the other in the entry of the third story. The new metal covering of that building, when these two points shall have been attended to, will add very largely to the security of the property.

We are happy to report the general good condition of the buildings.

On motion, it was resolved, in compliance with the request of the Synod of Georgia, that the Secretary be instructed to furnish the Stated

Clerk of that Synod with a copy of the Minutes of the annual meetings of the Board.

The Standing Committees of the Board were re-appointed as follows :

Executive Committee.—B. M. Palmer, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. A. Crawford, Andrew Crawford, Charles Beck, Prof. R. T. Brumby, Col. C. R. Bryce.

Investing Committee for State of Georgia.—James W. Davies and George M. Thew.

Investing Committee for State of South Carolina.—J. A. Crawford, Andrew Crawford.

Standing Building Committee.—George Howe, D. D., A. W. Leland, D. D., J. A. Crawford, Charles Beck, C. R. Bryce, John S. Scott.

The Committee of Audits reported upon the accounts placed in their hands, and found them all correct, whereupon these papers were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

It was

Resolved, That the Annual Sermon before the Board, by the Rev. G. C. Gregg, be preached in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening at 8¼ o'clock.

The Rev. N. A. Pratt, D. D., was appointed to deliver the next Annual Sermon in 1857, and the Rev. W. Flynn was appointed his alternate.

The Board then adjourned, with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to attend the examination.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 26.

The Board met in Dr. Howe's recitation room, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of last session were read and approved.

The Rev. P. E. Bishop, through Dr. Thornwell, assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

The Rev. G. C. Gregg being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee appointed to report upon shortening the Seminary term, presented the following, which was adopted :

The Committee, to whom was referred the expediency of shortening the term of study, and lengthening the vacation in this Seminary, would bring to the notice of the Board, that the term now includes a period of

nine months, beginning with the 1st of October and ending the last of June. Experience of instruction in this institution appears to show that vigorous and earnest application to study, cannot be maintained by our young men generally for so long a period, and at the North and in Europe a similar experience, it is believed, has been acquired. The Committee are of opinion that in a shorter time more study would be performed and more benefit received by the students, and that a longer vacation would result in great advantage to the Professors, and, consequently, to the Institution, by allowing them the opportunity of making fresh acquisitions of knowledge in their several departments. The month of June is, in this climate, a very trying one, and, coming at the close of so long a term of study, has been found to be, for the most part, lost to the Seminary. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the term of study, henceforth, begin on the 1st Monday in October and close on the last Friday in May; and that the annual meeting of this Board take place on the last Tuesday of May, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

In addition to the reasons for these changes above presented, two other considerations have influenced the Committee to make this recommendation.

The first is, that one month more added to the vacation would enable those students who wish to engage in school-teaching, colportage, &c., during the summer, to make their arrangements more to their advantage.

The second is, that if the annual meetings of this body could be held the last week in May, instead of the last week in June, we might hope to secure the attendance of more than at present, and, as usual, a bare quorum of its members.

The Committee, appointed to prepare a Minute upon Dr. Palmer's letter of resignation, reported the following, which was adopted:

The Board cannot consistently, with a sense of duty, present to the Synod the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Palmer, without expressing its regrets that he should feel it his duty to resign his Chair in this Institution. The interests of the Seminary seem to demand his continuance in his office, and the reasons which he assigns for resigning, have all been deliberately considered, both by the Presbytery to which he belongs and by this Synod; and so far from producing in his brethren the conviction entertained by himself, they have had precisely the opposite effect. We believe that he is eminently qualified for the Chair, which his letter shows he so highly appreciates, and we cannot but feel that the confidence of the Church in the stability of our plans and the permanence of our measures will be seriously affected, if we permit an arrangement so auspiciously begun to be interrupted before it has reach-

ed the point of its completion. The Seminary never needed more than at present all that can give it efficiency and vigour. Many of the prominent Churches of the South are either vacant or inadequately supplied, and the very pressure upon Dr. Palmer from all quarters for his services, shows the urgency of the call for a thoroughly educated ministry. Our Seminary must be put in a condition, with the blessing of God, to supply this demand. This is the place in which Dr. Palmer can most effectually aid in relieving this great destitution. If he is permitted to leave, the insecurity attached to our organization will cripple the Seminary, by sending to other and less fickle Institutions the young men who might have been prepared for our own fields. The question before the Synod, is simply the question concerning the importance of the Seminary. The necessity of its prosperity and success is the necessity of refusing this resignation.

The Committee of Ways and Means presented their Report, which was adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the Annual Reports of the Synods.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the raising of funds for the full endowment of the Fourth Professorship, and the purchase of the Library, be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on the Library offered their report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the Library beg leave to report, that they find the Library in good condition, having been removed to the rooms in the upper story of the centre building, where a plan of arrangement has been commenced, which will add greatly to the convenience of those who use it. Thirty-four volumes have been added during the last year by a donation of various individuals. The Executive Committee have purchased Valpy's Latin Variorum Classics, 190 volumes, and a portion of the Library of the Rev. Thomas Smyth, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., about 11,000 volumes ; so that the Library now consists of over 16,000 volumes, and is one of the best, if not the very best, in the United States. This increase of the number of books will involve increased care and labour on the part of the Librarian, and he should have competent assistants, the appointment of whom, and their remuneration, (if any be necessary,) we recommend to be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

A bill of \$27 for nine years subscription to the Biblical Repository or Princeton Review, has been presented, which we recommend to be paid by the Treasurer ; and that he also be authorized to receive the \$15

reported by Dr. Howe as having been collected by him for the Library.

Various papers have been placed in the hands of your Committee, in reference to the purchase of Dr. Smyth's Library, respecting which, we recommend the following action :

1st. That the Board approve of the purchase of the Library by the Executive Committee, inasmuch as its owner offered great inducements to its purchase. Its addition to our Library will add greatly to the attractiveness of our Seminary ; and the expectation had been generally raised that such purchase would be made, and large funds had been subscribed to the new Endowment with that end in view.

2d. The terms of the agreement are satisfactory to the Board, the substance of which is as follows, viz : That the Board pay at the rate of \$1.25 per volume, and the same price for each full case of pamphlets, for about 11,000 volumes, upon a credit of five years, with 7 per cent. interest, payable annually, from and after the first day of January, 1857 ; for the payment of which the Board is required to give a bond or other sufficient instrument of writing, with their corporate seal attached, for the full amount of the cost of so much of said Library as shall be delivered on the terms and conditions stated in the articles of agreement.

3d. So soon as said Library, in whole or in part, is delivered and counted, the President of the Board is hereby authorized to "execute and deliver unto the Rev. Thomas Smyth, a bond or other sufficient instrument, with the corporate seal of the Board," according to the terms of agreement entered into between the Rev. Thomas Smyth on the one hand and the Rev. George Howe on the other part, provided the amount required be not more than \$15,000, said amount being all that the Board is now willing to assume the responsibility of appropriating to the purpose of a Library.

4th. In consequence of the great liberality exhibited by Dr. Smyth in abating the prices of his Books, the Board recommend that they be kept in separate apartments and be called after its founder and collector, "The Smyth Library."

The Committee on Laws and Regulations presented the following Report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Laws and Regulations beg leave to report, that nothing has been brought before the Committee requiring the special action of the Board. The Report of the Faculty represents the conduct of the students as exemplary, and their number as increasing, there being now on the catalogue the names of thirty students, seventeen of whom have been admitted during the past year.

Dr. Thornwell entered upon his duties as Professor of Polemic and Didactic Theology in January last, and since that time Dr. Leland has been filling the chair of Homiletics and Sacred Rhetoric.

Whilst these things are cheering, it pains us to learn that death has, for the first time since the origin of the Seminary, entered its walls and caused mourning and grief to many hearts. To this mysterious dispensation of Providence we bow with humble submission, knowing that the Judge of the Earth will do what is right.

It is also much to be regretted that so many of the students are absent at this time, when the annual examination is going on; and it is hereby enjoined on the Faculty to use all lawful and prudent measures to retain the students within the walls of the Institution during the entire session; and since the session has been shortened, it is hoped that the students will make the very best use of their time whilst enjoying such distinguished advantages as are now afforded them in our beloved Seminary.

The Committee appointed to report upon the failure of members to attend the Board, presented the following Report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to bring in a Minute, in reference to the attendance of members of the Board, beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. That the delinquencies of members in attending the annual meetings of the Board, is becoming a subject of serious concern, inasmuch as the decision of important matters is often left with a mere fraction of the Board, which circumstance weakens the force of those decisions, and often gives occasion of dissatisfaction on the part of those who may disapprove them.

2. Inasmuch as the Board is elected by the Synods to whose care the Seminary is now entrusted, and is, therefore, in the sense of a Committee of those Synods, to transact their business, we hold it to be the duty of the members of the Board to attend its meetings just as faithfully, as to discharge any other duty to which they may be appointed by ecclesiastical courts to which they are subject in the Lord.

3. No individual should be elected a member of the Board, or hold the office, whose convenience, disposition, or other engagements are likely to prevent his regular attendance upon its meetings, the appointment being regarded as involving a work to be performed, and not the mere conferment of an honour.

4. When the Minutes of the present meeting are printed, the Clerk is requested to have a sufficient number of these resolutions struck off to

send a copy to each member of the Board, and that the subject be also laid before the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina by persons appointed at this meeting.

In accordance with the last of the foregoing resolutions, the Rev. R. K. Porter was appointed to bring the subject to the attention of the Synod of Georgia, and Dr. Adger, of the Synod of South Carolina.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Investing Committee be required hereafter to specify particularly in their Reports to this Board, the investments of the funds, giving the names of debtors and the amounts due.

The Board then took recess until 5½ o'clock, P. M.

When the Board came to order again, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to appoint, in behalf of the Board, some one to count the books of the Smyth Library, in company with any one whom Dr. Smyth may appoint.

It was also

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to close the contract for the Library, it being understood to include only such books as were in actual possession, or at the bindery, or ordered at the time of the original proposition; it being further understood the whole sum to be paid for the Library shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

It was

Resolved That the Board of Directors meet at Chesterville, during the next meeting of the Synod of South Carolina, for the purpose of inaugurating the Professors elect, and that Dr. Palmer be requested to deliver an address before that body; and that Dr. Thornwell be requested to deliver an address before the Synod of Georgia at its next regular meeting.

It was

Resolved, That the Rev. James Cohen be appointed Hebrew Tutor for one year, beginning the 1st of October, 1856, at a salary of \$1,000.

The Board then had recess until 8¼ o'clock, P. M.

After recess, the Board met in the Presbyterian Church, and listened to the Annual Discourse, preached by the Rev. G. C. Gregg; after which, there being no further business, the Board adjourned, with prayer, to meet in Chesterville, at the call of the President, during the sessions of the Synod of South Carolina.

T. C. PERRIN, *President*.

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, June 26th, 1856.

I.—RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

To

Balance in the Treasury,.....	\$1,508 96
Interest and Dividends on S. C. Professorship,..	2,100 00
“ “ Georgia “ ..	2,111 15
“ “ Third “ ..	2,832 82
Dr. Palmer's Bond collected,.....	2,000 00
Third Instalment of Mrs. Law's Donation,....	1,000 00
Collections on Subscriptions to 3d Professorship,	304 00
C. L. R. Boyd's Old Note (S. C. Professorship),..	60 00

By

Arrears to Dr. Palmer's Salary to July, 1855,.....	\$2,000 00
Dr. Leland's Salary to July, 1856,.....	2,000 00
Dr. Howe's Salary to “ “ ..	2,000 00
Dr. Palmer's Salary to “ “ ..	2,000 00
Johnson & Waring in full for Building Law Hall,.....	6,200 00
Interest on \$1500, borrowed for 5 months,.....	43 75
Gas Pipe and Fittings for Law Hall,.....	182 66
Insurance on Buildings and Library,.....	248 00
A. Palmer, on account Tin Roof for do.,.....	400 00
Advertising, Printing, and Binding,.....	45 77
Furniture for Law Hall,.....	107 73
Shelving Library, &c.,.....	136 00
Postage and Stationery.....	2 50
To Balance Due the Treasurer,.....	\$3,450 19

\$15,367 12	\$15,367 12
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II.—INVESTMENT OF THIRD PROFESSORSHIP FUNDS.

228 Shares Camden Bank Stock,.....	\$11,575	54
297 " Commercial " "	8,613	00
32 " Charleston " " (new),.....	1,600	00
4 Bonds So. Ca. and Charlotte Rail Road,.....	2,000	00
6 Bonds Greenville and Columbia Rail Road,.....	2,707	50
Blair's Legacy, $\frac{1}{3}$ of 100 Shares of Planters' and Mechanics' Bank, Baltimore.....	833	33
Bonds and Notes of Individuals.....	6,000	00
Total of Investments,.....	\$33,329	37
Amount of Investment last year,.....	\$35,329	37
Amount of Investment this year,.....	33,329	37
Decrease of Investments,.....	\$2,000	00

Outstanding Subscriptions and Notes :

In South Carolina last year,.....	\$3,697	95
Collected this year,.....	304	00
In Georgia,.....	2,541	84
Total outstanding in both States,.....	\$5,935	79

III.—FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

Amount collected in the Treasury,.....	\$16,632	88
Paid to Agent for collecting,.....	\$ 314	70
Paid for Printing Blank Notes,.....	3	50
" Rev. J. Boyce for House and Lot,.....	8,000	00
" Insurance on House,.....	65	50
" for Recording Titles for House,.....	1	40
" Dr. Thornwell's Salary, to July 1,.....	1,250	00
" Insurance in part on Smyth Library,...	46	75
" Freight on Smyth Library,.....	85	75
Error in H. Thomas' Note and Premium on Check,.....	2	82
Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	6,862	46
	\$16,632	88
	\$16,632	88

State of this Fund, as Follows :

Amount remaining in Treasurer's hands,.....	\$ 6,862 46
Cash in hands of J. Adger & Co., (about).....	6,808 15
Notes and Subscriptions in Treasurer's hands,.....	17,472 94
“ “ in hands of Agents,.....	775 00
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Total of this Fund besides House purchased, (about) ..	\$31,918 55

IV.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

Lanneau Scholarship,.....	\$2,250 00
Congregational and Presbyterian Scholarship..	2,200 00
Nephew Scholarship, (in Georgia),.....	2,500 00
Fabian “ “	2,500 00
Telfair Timothy Scholarship,.....	2,500 00
Joseph Ellison Scholarship,.....	2,500 00
Blair's Legacy, $\frac{2}{3}$ of 100 Shares of Planters' and Merchants' Bank, Baltimore,.....	1,667 67
20 Shares Planters' and Exchange Bank,.....	500 00
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	\$16,617 67

V.—RECAPITULATION OF PERMANENT FUND.

Old Professorship in South Carolina,.....	\$27,450 66
“ “ in Georgia,.....	28,500 00
Third Professorship,.....	33,329 37
Fourth Professorship, in course of investment, rated at,.....	31,918 55
Scholarships.....	16,617 67
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	\$137,816 25

VI.—CLAIMS ON TREASURY FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Balance due Treasurer,.....	\$3,450 19
Salary of 4 Professors,.....	8,500 00
Salary of Hebrew Tutor,.....	1,000 00
Insurance and other Contingencies,.....	350 00
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	\$13,300 19

Resources to meet these Claims.

Dividends and Interest on Georgia Professorship,	\$2,111	15	
“ “ on So. Ca.	“	2,100	00
“ “ on Third	“	2,700	00
“ “ on Fourth,	“	1,500	00
Fourth Instalment of Mrs. Law's Donation, . . .	1,000	00	
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			\$9,411 15
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			\$3,889 04

VII.—THE LIBRARY.

Thirty-four volumes have been added by donation to the Library, and 190 volumes (Valpy's *Variorum Latin Classics*) have been purchased. The Board has also purchased the larger portion of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Smyth's Library, amounting in number to about 11,000 volumes; paying for them at the rate of \$1.25 per volume, upon a credit of five years, with 7 per cent. interest from and after January 1, 1857. This large addition swells the number of volumes in the Library to more than 16,000, forming one of the best and largest Theological Libraries in the country.

It has been found necessary to appropriate the entire upper story of the Centre Building for the reception of the Library thus enlarged, and considerable expense has been incurred in placing a tin roof upon the building for greater security against fire; also for the transportation and insurance of the books of Dr. Smyth, and for placing the requisite shelves in the five rooms appropriated to their accommodation. These items of expenditure will be found in the financial part of this Report.

The Board, besides depositing the volumes purchased of Dr. Smyth in separate apartments, has designated the same in honour of its founder and collector, "The Smyth Library."

This large purchase imposes a debt upon the Seminary of \$15,000, to be liquidated in the course of five years; a debt which the Board has felt free to incur, since the appropriation of this amount was contemplated in the resolution to raise the sum of \$60,000, to be invested in the endowment of a fourth Professorship, and in the increase of the Library. It is hoped that at no distant day a neat fire-proof building may be erected for the Library; which, with a corresponding building for the Chapel, would complete the range of buildings desirable for a Theological Seminary.

VIII.—THE BUILDINGS.

At the opening of the Seminary term in October last, Law Hall was ready for the reception of students, corresponding in all points with Simons Hall, previously built. This building is so named in honour of William Law, so long the Treasurer of the Seminary, and one of its earliest and firmest friends, as well as to commemorate the liberality of his excellent widow, who has contributed \$5,000 towards its erection. It is entirely paid for, which, with the usual and large drafts upon the Treasury, creates the debt which is mentioned in the Treasurer's account. Against it, however, may be reckoned the two instalments (\$2,000) remaining to be paid of Mrs. Law's donation, falling due annually.

To the real estate owned by the Seminary hitherto, must be added a house and lot purchased out of funds collected for the Fourth Professorship, and used as a residence by the incumbent of that Chair. The cost (\$8,000) has not greatly diminished the endowment of that Professorship, while it is so much added to the property of the Institution.

IX.—FACULTY REPORT.

The names of thirty students are found upon the catalogue of the past year, as follows :

RESIDENT LICENTIATE.

Robert R. Small.*

SENIOR CLASS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduate of</i>	<i>Candidate of</i>
Robert M. Brearley,*	So. Ca. College,	Harmony Presbytery.
Thomas J. Davidson,	Oglethorpe College,	
Adolphus H. Epstein,*	Polytech. Inst., Vienna,	Charleston "
John S. Harris,	Davidson College,	Concord "
Elmore Kinder,*	Oglethorpe "	Harmony, "
A. L. Kline,		Charleston, "
James McDowell,	So. Carolina "	Harmony, "
James McQueen,	Davidson, "	Fayetteville, "
Myron D. Wood,	Oglethorpe, "	Charleston, "
William Alcorn,*	University of Penn.,	

* Deceased.

MIDDLE CLASS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduate of</i>	<i>Candidate of</i>
Samuel J. Bingham,	Oglethorpe College,	Tuskaloosa Presbytery.
D. C. Boggs,	“ “	South Carolina “
J. E. Dunlap,	University of Virginia,	
J. C. Humphrey,	Genessee College,	
J. A. Barr,	Davidson “	Concord “
Jethro Ruple.		

JUNIOR CLASS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduate of</i>	<i>Candidate of</i>
S. E. Axson,	Oglethorpe College,	Charleston Presbytery.
G. H. Coit,	Amherst “	“ “
D. Fairley,		Harmony “
E. O. Frierson,	Oglethorpe “	Florida “
W. T. Hall,	Davidson “	Concord “
A. R. Liddell,	Oglethorpe “	Flint River, “
J. C. McNair,	University of No. Ca.,	Fayetteville “
H. M. Morrison,	“ Miss.,	Chickasaw, “
W. F. Pearson,		South Carolina “
R. W. Shive,	“ “	Chickasaw “
A. P. Smith,	Oglethorpe College,	South Alabama “
J. E. Smith,	“ “	Cherokee “
J. A. Walker,	Charleston Citadel,	

All the studies in the different departments have been diligently pursued, and the usual conferences and debates have been maintained. In January, Dr. Thornwell entered upon his duties as Professor of Didactic Theology, and Dr. Leland assumed the Chair of Pastoral Theology. The report of the Faculty speaks with commendation of the piety and diligence of the students, and of their activity and zeal in missionary labours in the suburbs of Columbia and the country round about.

For the first time in the history of the Seminary, death has been permitted to enter its walls, and we have to record with grief the decease of four promising members of the Senior Class, as well as of two active and laborious men who were graduated a year ago, and had entered into the great vineyard to do work for their Master, and were suffered to toil but one hour, ere they were called to receive their wages.

X.—GENERAL REMARKS.

It is the duty of the Board to call the attention of the Synod to some subjects which do not fall under any of the preceding divisions.

1. It is exceedingly important to complete the subscription of \$60,000 for the endowment of a fourth Chair, and the increase of the Library. It will be perceived that at least \$4,000 are needed to make the investment equal to a sum which will yield an interest of \$2,500 per annum, the salary pledged to Dr. Thornwell. Besides this, the purchase of Dr. Smyth's Library will create a debt of nearly \$15,000, upon which an annual interest of \$1,000 will be required from the 1st of January next. If practicable, the sum of \$20,000 should be raised at once; which, if not collected at once, shall yield an interest to meet that which we ourselves incur. This matter is respectfully pressed upon the attention of the Synods.

2. The Board regrets being the organ to transmit Dr. Palmer's resignation of the Chair of Church History, &c. His letter to the Board is herewith laid before the Synods, together with the Minute adopted by the Board, at its last meeting, touching the same; which will be found in the Record of the Board's Proceedings, which is also furnished by the Secretary. These documents will lay the entire subject before the Synods, who will take such action as their wisdom may suggest.

3. It will be seen from the Minutes of the Board, that the Rev. James Cohen has been appointed Hebrew Tutor, for one year, beginning with the 1st of October, 1856, at a salary of \$1,000. Notwithstanding the heavy drafts upon the Treasury, it was thought an object of great importance to secure so ripe an oriental scholar as Mr. Cohen to the Institution. His minute acquaintance with Hebrew as a living tongue, and with Rabbinical literature, as well as his knowledge of the Syriac and Arabic languages, it is hoped will tend to infuse a love of oriental scholarship among the students. At least, the opportunity afforded for acquiring these languages, will place the Seminary upon higher ground, and offer inducements to the pious young men of the country to repair to it for their ministerial training.

4. The Board would specially call the attention of both Synods to the resolutions adopted at their late meeting upon the failure of so many Directors to attend the annual meeting; also, to the reasons which have led the Board to shorten the Seminary term by one month. Both subjects are spread out in the Minutes of the Board accompanying this Report.

5. The following Directors go out of office at this time, whose places must be filled by a new election :

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.

S. Donelly,
E. T. Buist,
W. M. Reid,
S. H. Hay,

Laymen.

Hon. J. N. Whitner,
E. R. Calhoun,
T. C. Perrin.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

Ministers.

N. Hoyt, D. D.,
J. S. Wilson, D. D.,
J. W. Reid,
J. F. Lanneau.

Laymen.

Hon. J. H. Lumpkin,
D. C. Campbell,
W. Shear.

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

MINUTES

Of a meeting of the Board, held at Chester, during the Sessions of the Synod of South Carolina, November 10th, 1856.

CHESTER, November 10th, 1856.

The Board of Directors of the Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met at this place, pursuant to adjournment.

The following members were present :

Ministers.

T. Smyth, D. D.,
J. Douglas,
J. B. Adger, D. D.,
T. L. McBryde, D. D.,
E. Palmer,
S. H. Hay,
G. C. Gregg.

Laymen.

J. A. Inglis.

The Rev. S. H. Hay was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

The Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D. resigned his office as Secretary of the Board. His resignation was accepted, and F. W. McMaster, Esq., was chosen in his place.

On motion of the Rev. J. Douglas, the following resolutions were adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That in view of Dr. Palmer's resignation of his Professorship, and of the other circumstances of the case, the order of the Board heretofore made, in reference to the inauguration of Professors Thornwell and Palmer be rescinded.

2. *Resolved*, That the inauguration of Dr. Thornwell do take place at Columbia, at the annual meeting of the Board in May next.

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary *pro tem.* be directed to communicate this action to the Synod of Georgia.

The Board then adjourned. Closed with prayer.

THOS. C. PERRIN, *President.*

S. H. Hay, *Secretary pro tem.*

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to receive and disburse funds contributed to aid pious and indigent candidates in their preparation for the Ministry, present to Synod the following brief abstract of their Treasurer's Report :

Receipts.

By Income of Scholarships, Notes and other Vested Funds, ..	\$1,330 42
Legacy of Mrs. C. J. Shannon,	100 00
Contributions from Churches,	00 00
“ “ Societies,	00 00
“ “ Individuals,	00 00
Total Received,	\$1,430 42

Disbursements.

Paid to seven Beneficiaries in the Seminary,\$790 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. LELAND, *Chairman.*

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,*

IN ACCOUNT WITH JAMES ADGER, TREASURER,

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1855.			
Nov'r 10.	By cash—		
	Through Dr. James Morrow, collection of Willington Church,.....	\$9 50	
	From Gen. J. P. Green, for Domestic Mis- sions,.....	50	
			10 00
	Through Mr. H. M. Bruns, Treasurer, collection Central Presbyterian Church, Charleston, Aug. 5th, \$7.50; Sept. 1st, \$8.75; Oct. 7th, \$11.00,.....		27 25
13.	Through E. C. Jones, Esq., collection for past six months at Anson-street Mission- ary Church,.....		32 50
14.	Through A. M. Kennedy, Treasurer, collec- tion at Meeting of Synod at Camden, Through Rev. John B. Adger, from Con- cord Church, Bethel Presbytery,.....	8 00	
	From Mount Olivet Church,.....	5 00	
	“ Ebenezer Church,.....	52 50	
			65 50
19.	Through Rev. S. L. Watson, from Bethel Church, Bethel Presbytery,.....		25 00
20.	Through J. M.,.....		55
28.	From Mr. Wm. Brown, Sr., a member of Beersheba Church, York District, a dona- tion of,.....		50 00
Dec'r 4.	Annual collection of Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 3d Dec.,.....		300 00
	From Mrs. Moore, a colored member of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, (in addition to the income of “Moore Fund,” which is nearly \$100 annually,).....		5 00
7.	In a letter, dated Pickens Co., Alabama, 28th Nov., from a lady, a friend of Missions,..		10 00
22	Through Mr. Rufus Moore, monthly collec- tion, Presbyterian Church, Yorkville,..		250 00
29.	Through Mr. J. S. Bowie, collection of Central Presbyterian Church,.....		257 00
1856.			
Jan'ry 5.	Through John Knox, Treasurer, collection of Pleasant Grove Church, Bethel Pres- bytery,.....		16 00
7.	Collection of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 6th January,.....		30 41
11.	From M. H., in a letter, dated “Ebenezer.”		5 00
15.	Through Adams & Frost, from Mr. H Cameron, for Home and Foreign Record, For Foreign Missions,.....	12 50	
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			13 00
16.	Through Mr. W. F. Hutson, from Stoncy Creek Church,.....		91 12
	Carried forward,.....		\$1280 33

* The Missionary Report was ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

Brought forward,.....		\$1250 33	
Feb'y 5.	Monthly collection of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,.....	52 54	
	From "Moore Fund," of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, for African Missions,.....	22 50	
			75 04
			\$1355 37
	18. From Mr. J. Erwin McClure, of Flat Rock, a family donation,.....	4 00	
	20. Through Mr. P. E. Bishop, from Bethesda Church, in aid of the Press of Northern India,.....	35 00	
March 1.	Through Messrs. Caldwell & Robinson, from 2 members Concord Church, Sumter District, viz: From Mrs. Leah McFadden, \$10; from Capt. J. J. Chandler, \$5,.....	15 00	
	8. Through J. A. Enslow, Treasurer, collection in Glebe-st. Presbyterian Church, for Foreign Missions,.....	100 00	
	18. Monthly collection Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston,.....\$349 37		
	From "Moore Fund," of 2d Presbyterian Church, for African Missions,.....	30 00	
		379 37	
	31. Through Rev. W. S. Lee, from Presbyterian Church, Edisto Island,.....	85 00	
April 3.	Through A. O. Norris, Treasurer of Foreign Missions of So. Ca. Presbytery, from Bethesda Church,.....\$23 50		
	From Friendship Church,.....	11 00	
	" Laurens C. H. Church,...	20 00	
	" Nazareth Church,.....	15 00	
	" Rock Church,.....	7 00	
	" Rocky Spring Church,....	4 16	
	" Smyrna Church,.....	2 00	
	" two little children,.....	50	
		83 10	
	9. Through Andrew Crawford, Treasurer, from Presbyterian Church, Columbia, \$148 00		
	From Coloured Female Benevolent Society, of Presbyterian Church, Columbia, for African Missions,.....	3 19	
		151 19	
	Through Henry M. Bruns, Treasurer—collection, Central Presbyterian Church, 4th November,.....	\$12 12	
	Collection Central Presbyterian Church, 3d February,.....	17 88	
		30 00	
	12. Through Rev. S. L. Watson—semi-annual collection Bethel Church,.....	\$25 00	
	From Coloured members of do.,.....	4 00	
		29 00	
	16. Through Rev. W. B. Corbett, from Wilton Presbyterian Church,.....	20 00	
	30. Through Mr. Wm. Banks, from the Church of Catholic Bethel Presbytery,.....	15 00	
May 7.	Through Rev. J. L. Girardeau, from Beech Island Church,.....	10 00	
	Carried forward,.....	\$955 66	\$1355 37

Brought forward,.....		\$ 955 66		\$1355 37
9. Through Mr. J. G. Davidson, from Bullock's Creek Church,.....		8 00		
10. Through Mr. W. P. McFadden, from Hopewell Church Sabbath School,.....		5 00		964 66
14. From a member of Salem Church, Bethel Presbytery,.....		2 00		
27. Through Rev. John R. Dow, from John's Island Church,.....		32 75		
June 2.	Through Mr. T. J. Little, monthly collection of Presbyterian Church, Sparta, Ga.,	30 00		
July 3.	Through J. R. Baird—collection, Allison's Creek Church,.....	\$6 00		
	Collection, Shiloh Church,.....	4 00		
31. From Planters' and Mechanics' Bank, for Dividend on 80 shares Farmers' and Planters' Bank, Baltimore, legacy of John Blair, of York,.....		10 00		
		90 00		
Aug. 16. Collection of Central Presbyterian Church, Charleston, May 4th, \$10.50; June 1st, \$14.00; Aug. 3d, \$5.50,.....			169 75	
Oct'ber 2. Through David Campbell, from Scion Church, Winnsborough, So. Ca.,.....			30 00	
9. Through Rev. Edward Palmer, from Stoney Creek Church,.....			97 55	
21. Through Thos. J. Little—collection of Presbyterian Church, at Sparta,.....			50 00	
From Agricola,.....			20 00	
22. Through Rev. W. B. Corbett, from Wilton Presbyterian Church,.....			100 00	
Through Rev. John Douglas—Ladies' Society of Presbyterian Church, James Island, Monthly Concert collection, Presbyterian Church, James Island,.....			20 00	
Donation of Rev. John Douglas,.....		38 25		
		37 56		
		40 00		
23. Through A. O. Norris, Treasurer of So. Ca. Presbytery—Good Hope, \$56; Roberts, \$27.00; Carmel, \$6.75; Lebanon, \$24.25; Hopewell, \$84.25; Hopewell Sabbath School, \$3.58; Hopewell Coloured members, \$3.00; Fairview, \$15.00; Ladies' Association Fairview, \$7.00; New Harmony, \$2.50; Duncan's Creek, \$2.50; Rock, \$49.56; Washington-street, \$5.00; Providence, \$14.00; Rocky River, \$11.00; Laurens C. H., \$15.00; Anderson C. H., \$33.36; Little River, \$2.50; Hopewell, \$10.00; Lodimont, \$5.00; Warrior's Creek, \$2.00; Upper Long Cane, \$125.57; Friend at Laurens, \$5.00; Rev. W. McWhorter, \$3.00; Member of Hopewell, \$5.00; a lady of Liberty Spring, \$10.00; Hopewell Sabbath School, \$12.75; Rock, \$17.55; Rock Sabbath School, \$3.92; Rock, coloured members, \$2.33; Friendship, \$8.75; Mrs. Mary Simpson, \$4.00; Lib-			115 81	
Carried forward,.....			\$603 11	\$232

Brought forward,.....		\$603 11	\$2320 03
erty Spring, \$17.00; Willington, \$5.00; Willington, colored members, 50 cents; Laurens C. H., \$17.00; Aveleigh, \$7.50; Mount Bethel, \$6.00; Smyrna, \$10.00; Gilder's Creek, \$9.50; Hopewell, \$3.50; Lodimont, \$2.50; Greenville Church, \$20.00,.....		678 92	1282 03
			<u>\$3602 06</u>

Appropriated as follows :

1855.			
Nov. 19.	To paid Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, amount collected at Bethel Church, Bethel Pres- bytery,.....	25 00	
1856.			
Jan'y 29.	To paid order of Chairman Executive Committee, for printing ordered by Committee in 1855, and approved by Synod,.....	129 00	
Feb'y 11.	To James Adger & Co., draft on Brown Brothers & Co., in favor of and remitted to Wm. Rankin, Jr., Esq., Treasurer, \$1,199.87, $\frac{1}{8}$ per cent. prem.,.....	1,201 37	\$1,355 37
March 9.	To James Adger & Co., draft on Brown Brothers & Co., in favor of and re- mitted to Wm. Rankin, Jr., Esq., Treas- urer, \$962.26, $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. prem.,.....		964 66
Oct'r 31.	To James Adger & Co., draft on Brown, Brothers & Co., in favor of and re- mitted to Wm. Rankin, Jr., Esq., Treas- urer, \$1,278.83, $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. prem.,....	1,282 03	<u>\$3,602 06</u>

JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

Charleston, 31st October, 1856.

We have examined the above account and vouchers, and find the same correct
W. C. DUKES,
J. M. CALDWELL.

Receipts by Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church, from within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina, in addition to amounts reported by James Adger, Esq., Treasurer, from November 1, 1855 to November 1, 1856.

<i>Presbytery of Bethel.</i> —Bethel Church,.....		25 00	\$43 00
Cane Creek Church,.....		5 00	
Concord Church,.....		5 00	
Mount Olivet,.....		8 00	
<i>Presbytery of Harmony.</i> —Camden Church,.....		137 06	1,162 63 32 00 \$1,237 63
Burlington Church,.....		100 40	
Hopewell Church,.....		75 00	
Cheraw Church,.....		228 50	
Williamsburg Church,.....		49 00	
Mount Zion Church,.....		113 17	
Bishopville Church,.....		25 50	
Indiantown Church,.....		129 60	
Lebanon Church,.....		20 00	
Salem (B. R.) Church,.....		104 00	
Sumterville Church,.....		108 00	
Pine Tree Church,.....		15 00	
Midway Church,.....		10 00	
Horeb Church,.....		6 00	
Lynchburg Church,.....		8 25	
Brewington Church,.....		21 15	
Harmony Church,.....		5 00	
Clarendon Church,.....		7 00	
<i>Pres'by of Charleston</i> —Columbia Church,.....			

JAMES MACKEAN.

Mission House, New York, Nov. 3, 1856.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY,
TO THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

It will be seen by reference to the Report of the Faculty and Treasurer, hereto appended, that Oglethorpe University is in a more prosperous condition than it has been at any time heretofore. After struggling through embarrassments and overcoming impediments almost unparalleled in the history of other institutions, the Trustees are enabled to present it to the Churches free from debt, and rapidly advancing in usefulness. We have reason to believe that the prayers of its friends have been heard, and that if fostered as it ought to be by the Synods, it will, at no remote day, become the most efficient instrumentality of good within our limits outside of the Sacred Word and the living Ministry. For its present prosperous state, we ask the Synod to unite with us in grateful acknowledgments to the great Head of the Church. His ways are not as our ways. We entered upon this enterprise, doubtless, with too much of merely human confidence. He has humbled us by years of afflictive discipline, and we desire to feel, as well as to express, submission to His overruling Sovereignty. We shall attempt no argument to demonstrate the necessity of religious education. We have a right to assume that wise and good men, very generally in our country, admit it. Such admission seems to be the natural result of piety and cultivation. We cannot, however, forbear to say, that this necessity grows decidedly stronger. Its increasing strength is found in the infidel tendencies of the age—in the arrogance of that philosophy which seeks to accommodate Bible Truth to the inclinations of the heart—and to the varying conditions of an advanced civilization in that irreverence for constituted authority, reaching even to the Government of the Supreme Ruler, which pervades the land—in the abundance and power of wealth—in the improvements in the mechanic arts and those developments of science which induce men to believe that they can live without God in the world—in the alarming prevalence of strife in the political world, and in the complicity of the Church with secular interests. Now,

if ever, the Church should guard the outposts of her dominion. Now, if ever, should good men stand by the fundamentals of our conservative Faith and Polity. And we submit that this can be done in no way better than by *forming character, through the agency of education, upon Gospel Principles*. As a Denominational Enterprise, it should be sustained, because our sister denominations are planting their Schools and Colleges among the people, and sustaining them with unprecedented energy and liberality. Of this we do not complain,—we rather rejoice in this, their labour of love. May God prosper them! Yet we are in danger of losing our legitimate influence over the mind and heart of the country. As we love and believe in the paramount value of our standards, so ought we to teach them, by all available and just means. We, as Presbyterians, are called to an energetic, yet Catholic propagandism. At no time in the history of the American Church, has there been a more pressing need for the regulating force of Calvinistic Christianity than at this moment. But we forbear to occupy the time of the Synod with views and statements which must be familiar to its learned membership.

We ask the attention of the Synod to the fact that the number of students in attendance at Oglethorpe during the scholastic year, which expired in July last, is 123, and that ninety-three of these were in the College proper. We are assured that the next term will open with one hundred. Here there is material for usefulness; no inconsiderable mass of mind to be educated for happiness and the service of the Church.

It is worthy of remark that so orderly have been the pupils of this Institution, under the paternal and religious control of its able and conscientious Faculty, that not a single case of severe discipline has occurred. The baptism of grace has again descended upon it. A revival during the Spring months added several to the Church. All of the late Senior Class are members of the Church but one, and several of these contemplate the Christian Ministry. Heretofore it has been blessed with happy and fruitful revivals; and it has contributed, it is believed, more of its alumni to the Ministry, in proportion to its numbers than any institution in the country. It has been a beneficent feeder to the Seminary at Columbia. Its history demonstrates that it has been favoured of Heaven. Should not that fact stand for a reason, in itself all sufficient, why the Church should come up to its support with fervent prayer and united effort?

Professor Woodrow has been absent during the year in Europe, acquiring additional fitness for his Chair, to which he is expected to

return by the first of January next. Through the able and generous exertions of Rev. Wm. M. Cunningham, a fourth Professorship, in pursuance of the pledge of the Synod of Georgia, has been nearly endowed. Mr. Cunningham has not as yet made his official report to Synod; but from what we know of the results of his agency, we are authorized to say that subscriptions to the amount of some \$20,000 have been procured, and that the whole sum of \$25,000 will unquestionably be had at an early day. When the Chair of this Fourth Professorship is filled, we shall be able to present a Board of instructors equal to the demands, of a thorough education. Whilst the Institution is substantially out of debt, owing nothing but the President's salary for the year, and a balance of \$483.17 on his salary for the previous year, yet the Synod will perceive, by referring to the Treasurer's Report, that its income is exceedingly small—in fact not equal to its indispensable disbursements. It is a source of painful regret that the compensation of the President thus remains temporarily unprovided for. The income from tuition, it will be perceived, is very small; this is owing to the fact that so many of the students are there upon the Scholarship Scrip. We have reason to believe that the revenue from tuition will increase from this time. The Synod will also see that from our very limited resources, we have been able to make some addition to the Apparatus of the College. By a recent order of the Board, portions of the real estate at Midway have been put in market to raise funds for providing board for the students. The Board of Trustees conclude by reminding the Synod, that whilst the prospects of the College are really flattering, yet we are in immediate need of funds—especially to increase the Library and to repair the College buildings. These buildings are in a dilapidated condition; and we respectfully and urgently solicit the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia to aid us in raising means to enlarge the Library, and to put the College buildings in thorough repair.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Trustees.

E. A. NESBIT, *President*.

Macon, Ga., 26th September, 1856.

MILLEDGEVILLE, July 21st, 1856.

The Treasurer of Oglethorpe University respectfully submits the following Report of his transactions as Treasurer, since the Report made at

Synod in November last, which Report contained an exhibit of receipts and disbursements up to November 9th, 1855.

The Treasurer refers to that Report for a general statement as to the condition of the Alabama and the South Carolina Professorships, no new information having been received by him since that Report was prepared, in reference to the assets of these two Professorships.

The assets of the Georgia and Florida Professorship having been transferred to Col. J. J. Gresham for collection and investment, in accordance with a resolution of the Board, a separate Report as to this Professorship will probably be made by Col. Gresham.

The Treasurer has no official and detailed information as to the assets of the new Professorship, so successfully carried on towards completion by the labour of Rev. W. M. Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham's Report will probably be laid before the Board.

Receipts and Disbursements since Nov. 9th, 1855, have been as follows :

Permanent Fund belonging to the Georgia and Florida Professorship, collected by Fiscal Agent,.....	\$690 00
Balance of Permanent Fund in hand, Nov. 9, 1855,.....	440 00
Subscription of Rev. J. Jones, for family scholarship,.....	100 00
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Entire amount of Permanent Fund received,	\$1,230 00
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Contingent Fund received since November 9th, 1855 :

Tuition,.....	\$ 516 00
Room Rent,.....	429 50
Interest and Dividends on Notes, Bonds and Stock,.....	1,008 44
Collections for purchase of Apparatus, made by Col. McKinley,.....	181 00
Money advanced by Dr. Tahnage for Apparatus,.....	120 00
Balance of Contingent Fund in hand, Nov. 9th, 1855,.....	66 79
Legacy left by Mr. Cabun for the benefit of Candidates for the Ministry,.....	473 80
Coupon from the Cabun Bond,.....	11 67
Scrip sold for Contingent Fund,.....	446 01
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	\$3,253 21

Disbursements have been as follows :

Per centage to Fiscal Agent for collection of Permanent Fund,.....	\$138 00
Transferred to Col. Gresham for Investment,.....	989 82
Premium on Check,.....	2 48
Remitted to Col. Gresham, the subscription of Rev. J. Jones,	100 00
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	\$1,230 30

Contingent Fund Disbursed as follows :

Paid Dr. Talmage on account of Salary,.....	\$1,364 58
“ Mr. Pratt, on account of Salary,.....	270 00
Repairs,.....	256 75
Per centage to Fiscal Agent for collections,.....	128 25
Remitted to Prof. Woodrow for purchasing Apparatus,....	502 50
Paid Fiscal Agent in full, for money advanced in payment of Prof. Woodrow,.....	197 91
Circulars,.....	5 85
Printing,.....	32 25
Lord's Journal, for the Library—3 years,.....	15 00
Freight on Minerals from Europe,.....	19 50
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	\$2,792 59

Also bought a \$500 Baldwin Co. Bond, at 90c., from the Cabun Fund,.....	450 00
Balance,.....	10 62
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	\$3,253 21

A balance of \$483.17 is due to the President on his last year's salary, besides the entire amount of his salary for the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. LANE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE FACULTY

Of Oglethorpe University to the Board of Trustees for the College year ending July 23d, 1856.

The Faculty Report to the Board of Trustees that the whole number of students during the year has been 123, of whom 93 were in the College proper. The deportment of the students and their habits of study have been highly satisfactory to the officers. We have not had occasion to exercise severe discipline in a solitary case. We were again blessed during the months of February and March with an interesting religious revival, which exerted a most happy influence over the whole institution, as well as was instrumental, we trust, in the conversion of precious souls to God.

Our late Senior Class contained ten students (a somewhat smaller number than usual,) of whom nine were members of the Church, and several have the Christian Ministry in view.

Professor Woodrow has been absent in Europe during the year, attending Lectures with the ablest Professors in the Natural Sciences in the principal institutions of Europe, and learning their modes of instruction. He expects to resume his Chair at the opening of the January Term, and we may expect great advantages from his visit abroad, as he has been zealously engaged in investigating the latest discoveries in Chemistry and the other natural sciences, under the instructions of the most learned men of the age.

He will bring with him a considerable addition to our College Apparatus.

The Faculty would earnestly urge upon the Board such appropriations as they can raise to increase our College Library and the Apparatus of the respective Chairs of Instruction, as it is important for the cause of science that we should keep pace with all the solid improvements of the age.

Our College Campus and buildings need considerable repairs, and we think it would be well for the Synods to raise a fund for this purpose.

SAM'L K. TALMAGE, in behalf of the Faculty.

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